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SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

\$2,000,000 ESTIMATED LOSS.

Estimating that losses totalling two million dollars and a reorganisation of the Company might have to be faced, Mr. T. G. Weall, on behalf of the Consulting Committee of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., made disquieting disclosures at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan replied to the allegations, expressing the hope that fuller investigations would show a brighter position than that indicated by Mr. Weall.

Amongst resolutions passed was one appointing six shareholders to assist in further investigations.

The meeting was largely attended, and Mr. R. G. Shewan occupied the chair. The following members of the Consulting Committee were present:—The Rev. Father L. Robert, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. J. H. Duggart, and Mr. T. de Meester.

The Secretary, Mr. D. L. King, read the notice convening the meeting, and the Chairman said:—The first business is a statement by the Consulting Committee as the result of investigations made by them. I understand that Mr. Weall is to read it.

THE COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Weall then said:—The General Managers have called this meeting at the request of your Consulting Committee, who have asked me to make a statement to you regarding what we consider to be the very unsatisfactory position of the Company's financial affairs, to advise you of the steps the Committee have already taken and to put before you certain proposals for the future.

In October last year, certain facts came to our knowledge and we at once requested the General Managers to call in Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as independent accountants to carry out a thorough investigation, and after a period of three months, the length of which period was partly necessitated by the position of the Company's records, a report was presented to us. This report, in spite of the time of necessity expended in its preparation, is merely a preliminary statement. It does not in any way purport to give us a definite and complete analysis of the affairs of the Company, but it nevertheless reveals such disquieting matters that we felt it was obviously necessary to lay before you at the earliest opportunity the information which contains.

My statement, therefore, will not attempt to give you an exhaustive survey of the report, because I think you will agree with your Committee, when you have heard what I have to say, that a complete investigation of the Company's affairs will be necessary, and such complete investigation, when made, may in many cases amplify or limit the conclusions reached by the accountants in this preliminary report, but with your permission I will enumerate some of the principal items so far disclosed.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

You will remember that by a special resolution passed on January 14th, 1924, and confirmed on January 29th, 1924, a new issue of capital was authorised, and 400,000 new shares created. A specific date, March 15th, 1924, was fixed for these to be taken up by shareholders whose registered address was within Hongkong, China or Japan. After that date, the remainder of the unissued shares was to be disposed of by the General Managers. Now, as these shares on March 15th, 1924, were standing at a high premium in the market, it appears to us that it was the plain duty of the General Managers either to offer the remaining unissued shares to all the shareholders or to have disposed of them in the market and obtained the premium for the benefit of the Company. In fact they did neither.

An examination of the books shows that from March 15th up to the end of the year, the General Managers proceeded to issue these shares at par to certain shareholders whose acceptances they received after March 15th. They paid dividends upon shares so issued as though they had been taken up and the allotment money paid upon March 15th. In many cases, they failed to charge the appropriate rate of interest upon the acceptances. We believe that these methods resulted in a loss to the Company of about \$100,000.

Not only did the General Managers thus fail in their duty to the Company, but at the General Meeting held on April 30th, 1924, your Committee and the shareholders were led to believe that at that date the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, and the allotment money paid.

MORTGAGES.

A large number of loans against property have been found to be insufficiently secured. In some cases, mortgage deeds had not been completed and in many cases proper valuations had not been obtained of property against which money had been lent. So far back as November, 1925, your Committee insisted and the General Managers undertook to have legal mortgages executed in respect of all loans made on landed securities.

An illuminating instance of the methods pursued by the General Managers is that of Mr. Tong Hok-ting, comrade and partner of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., to whom approximately 4½ lakhs of the Company's money was advanced on title deeds, which we are now informed by the General Managers are valueless as security for this loan. This information was given us for the first time on March 28th. We understand now that the General Managers were aware of it two months earlier.

LOANS ON SHARES, ETC.

Very large sums of money have been advanced on the security of shares, the result in many cases being disastrous. Loans were made on shares carrying liabilities for further calls and apparently the prudent policy of requiring a margin of safety was not pursued.

I do not intend to trouble you with a long list of specific items, but, as an example, there are two loans to Messrs. G. P. & H. A. Lammer on the security of shares which, according to the report on a valuation of December 31st, 1925, show an approximate excess of loan over security of \$181,000 and \$22,500 respectively on that date. Unfortunately there are many other similar cases.

Interest on loans is in a large number of instances in default. Such items have in many cases been credited to revenue and merely added on to the amount of the loan and General Managers' commission has been charged thereon. It is impossible to estimate the sum involved at present, but this is a matter for the accountants to go into more fully. Needless to say, the inclusion of such debts in the balance sheet as good assets tends to create an altogether false impression of the Company's standing, and I am afraid that a large portion of these sums will need to be written off entirely.

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TRAIN SMASH.

HONGKONG MAN'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

NEARLY 30 KILLED.

A well-known Hongkong resident, in the person of Mr. T. Orton, formerly with the Dollar Steamship Company, but now representing Messrs. H. K. Mulford and Co., manufacturing chemists of Philadelphia, had a narrow escape from death on March 23rd, when a serious railway smash occurred on the main Haiphong-Yunnanfu line, resulting in the death of 28 passengers and more or less serious injury to about a hundred others.

The train comprised five carriages and a big 90-ton locomotive, and Mr. Orton was the only European amongst the passengers. It left Ami Tchen for Pi Shi Chai at 6.20 a.m. on the date named and whilst travelling at about forty miles an hour the locomotive jumped the rails at a hairpin bend, landing in a ditch about nine metres from the line. This occurred at 8 a.m., at a spot some two and a half miles from the station of Tachuang, on the main line.

When the engine jumped the rails, it became uncoupled and the carriages continued their career along the line, with the result that the first four telescoped, but the fifth, in which Mr. Orton was travelling, fortunately kept to the rails and was in no way damaged.

It soon became apparent that there were many casualties, and it was heartrending to hear the moans and cries of the injured many of whom were pinned down by the wreckage. Unfortunately, there was no first-aid equipment on the train, and consequently it was some time before the injured could be extricated and given treatment.

Mr. Orton managed to get down to the station at Tachuang and from this spot a relief train was despatched to the scene of the accident. No doctor was sent up on the relief train, and consequently Mr. Orton had to superintend the treatment of the injured and see to their removal to the relief train. Some of the victims were very badly injured, and these, with the others, were taken on to Pi Shi Chai, where they arrived at 3 p.m. and were attended to by a doctor, being later sent on by the same train to Mentsze, by which Mr. Orton also travelled. When the investigations were completed, it was found that 28 of the passengers had been killed and at least a hundred injured. Both Mr. Orton and his interpreter had a miraculous escape from death, the carriage in which they were travelling never even leaving the rails.

There are various reasons ascribed for the accident. One is that the train was travelling too fast to take the bend, but another is that some of the rails had been torn up by the caravan people, who have long resented the fact that they are charged taxes on transport of merchandise, whilst the railway is exempt therefrom. Yet another story is that the whole thing centres around a dispute between the soldiers and the local people as to who shall get the taxes on loads carried by caravan.

There was another slight railway mishap on March 28th, when the train from Hukow went off the track on the Nanti river near Wantang, the passengers having to be transferred and arriving at Pi Shi Chai at three o'clock on the following morning.

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM.

THE ROCKEFELLER OFFER.

New York, April 7. The press publishes a statement by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, Junior, that he has authorised his representative in Egypt to withdraw his offer to establish an Egyptian museum, if necessary in order to end the controversy among Egyptians whether it is acceptable. Meanwhile, a revised offer, based on suggestions of Ziaur Pasha is being forwarded to Egypt. —*Reuter's American Service.*

SERIOUS INDIAN RIOTS.

EUROPEAN LADY INJURED.

BIG MILL STRIKE.

Calcutta, April 7. A very grave situation has arisen at Gourpore, 25 miles from Calcutta, where thousands of mill workers have struck as a sequel to a European's alleged assault on a coolie who has died. The situation became worse in the evening, Europeans being assaulted. Four were injured. Armed police have been summoned. —*Reuter.*

ENGLISH LADY INJURED.

Calcutta, April 7. The arrival of armed police from Barrackpore quieted the rioters at Gourpore, though the coolies have not returned to work. The European mentioned earlier

COLOSSAL OIL BLAZE.

Lightning Strikes Huge Tanks.

New York, April 7. The largest fire in the history of the oil industry is reported in a message from San Luis Obispo, California, which states that the conflagration involved four huge tanks belonging to the Union Oil Company, containing nearly four million barrels of oil. The tanks were fired by lightning and the following explosion broke hundreds of windows in the vicinity and shook the whole city. Hundreds of men are frantically constructing dykes to prevent the flames from spreading to fifty smaller tanks which are nearby. —*Reuter's American Service.*

denies the allegations made.

Religious ferment in Calcutta itself has not yet subsided, being nurtured by false rumours of assaults and desecrations of temples and mosques. A Moham-median was killed in the streets to-day and an English lady injured. A number of Hindus and Moslems have been sent to hospital suffering from lathi blows and stabs.

Sir Hugh Stevenson is touring the area, conferring with the leaders of both communities. —*Reuter.*

PRINCE CONVALESCENT.

GOES TO SANDWICH.

Rugby, April 7. The Prince of Wales, acting upon the advice of his doctors, left London to-day to spend the first stage of his convalescence at Sandwich, where he has taken a house for a short period. —*British Wireless.*

MAH JONGG PARTY.

DISTURBED BY ROBBERS.

A mah-jongg party held by a Chinese broker, named Tam Chung, at his home in No. 28, Kennedy Street last night, was interrupted by the sudden appearance of armed robbers who made a terrifying show with a revolver and three daggers. Nevertheless, the wife of the broker screamed "Save life!" and was immediately stabbed in the left shoulder. The broker and his wife were then bundled into the back room, where they were confined for about 20 minutes, during which the unwelcome visitors made a search of the premises. Their efforts were rewarded with only a small haul of money.

When the police arrived after the departure of the robbers, they had the injured woman removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

THE BOYCOTT.

CANTON UNIONS DISCUSS SETTLEMENT.

RECENT MEETING.

A report from Canton states that, at the instance of the Canton-Hongkong Strike Union, a meeting of representatives of all the Labour Unions was held on the 4th instant for the purpose of discussing the terms of the strike and boycott settlement.

It was stated at the meeting that both the Hongkong and Canton Governments had selected delegates to negotiate the settlement, following which a discussion took place on the subject. It is reported that the debate was not marked by any bad feeling and that eventually a resolution was adopted to the effect that the meeting was convinced of the necessity of calling off the strike and boycott, and that the settlement be left in the hands of the Canton Government.

In connection with the illness of Mr. Wang Ching-wai, a Canton report says that the Committee meetings which were formerly held either at Government House or at Mr. Wang's private residence, are now taking place at the private residence of General Chang Kai-shek. Members of the Society of Sun Yat-senism are keeping a strict watch over the activities of the Communists.

A further report states that General Chang Kai-shek is devoting much of his time to the defence and fortification of the Bocca Tigris and other forts on adjacent islands and in the Tung-koon district. This is taken to indicate that General Chang is making preparations against a possible attack from sea by the fleet under Admiral Tso Shih-kwai, which is working for Wu Pei-fu, who is reported to be mobilising in four directions to attack Hunan in order to effect a junction with Tang Chi-yao.

RAILWAY SCHEME.

The Director of the Canton-Samshui Railway, Mr. Li Chok-wing, has petitioned the Bureau of Construction for the right to construct a branch line from Fatsan, passing through the important markets and large villages of the districts of Nam-Hoi, Shun Tak and Sun-wui, to connect with the Sunning Railway at Kongmoon. The petition states that this branch line has been under contemplation by his predecessors for some years, but owing to the militarists having seized the management of the railway and appropriated its earnings for the payment of troops, the undertaking had to be set aside for the time being. Now that the civil and military administrations are confined to their proper spheres of activity, the construction of this branch line should be taken up without further delay. An estimate submitted by Mr. Li shows not only that the line would be a remunerative proposition, but also stresses the necessity of linking up these productive and populous towns in order to bring prosperity to the people. Once the railway is completed, it is believed that various industrial enterprises will follow. Five copies of the estimate, together with a full report of the places through which the railway would pass, are forwarded with the petition.

BELGIAN FRANCES.

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN RATE.

London, April 7. There has been a remarkable improvement in the rate of Belgian francs in London. They opened at 130½ and closed at 124½. This is a sequel to the Belgian Finance Minister, M. Janzen, visiting the Treasury, the result of which is that all exterior debts by Belgium and the Belgian Congo to Britain have been definitely settled. —*Reuter.*

ATTEMPT ON MUSSOLINI.

ENGLISHWOMAN FIRES REVOLVER POINT BLANK.

FACIAL WOUND INFLICTED.

A sensation has been caused in Italy by the attempted assassination of the Premier, Signor Mussolini, by a titled Englishwoman who fired point-blank at him with a revolver as he was leaving a meeting of the International Congress of Surgeons, held in Rome.

Signor Mussolini was wounded in the nose, but his injury is not serious. His assailant is the Hon. Violet Albina Gibson, sister of the present Lord Ashbourne. She is a spinster, 50 years of age, of eccentric habits.

Rome, April 7.

While the Premier, Signor Mussolini was leaving the International Congress of Surgery, an unknown elderly woman shot at him with a revolver, almost point blank, wounding him slightly in the nose.

Signor Mussolini was most calm and immediately gave directions with a view to preventing a disturbance. The woman was with the utmost difficulty rescued from an incensed crowd and taken to prison. —*Reuter.*

FULL DETAILS.

Later.

In a speech at the International Congress of Surgery, which was attended by 600 delegates, Signor Mussolini praised surgeons for their heroic fight against death, mentioning "myself, who experienced your marvellous skill as a soldier in the great war."

Later, on leaving the Capitol accompanied by a number of doctors Signor Mussolini was loudly cheered by the crowd and acknowledged the tributes by the Roman salute.

As he crossed the square towards his motor, an elderly woman in dark clothes, dashed from the crowd, whipped out a revolver and fired, wounding Mussolini in the lower part of the nose. Three officers immediately seized the woman and prevented further shots, and protected her from the fury of the crowd which tried to lynch her.

When hit, Signor Mussolini put his hand to his nose and withdrew it, dripping with blood. The celebrated surgeon, Dr. Bastianelli was accompanying him and he immediately pressed a handkerchief to the Premier's nose to check the bleeding. Signor Mussolini returned to the Capitol, where surgeons applied first-aid dressings, and Mussolini immediately ordered that no reprisals be taken against his assailant. He was most composed and reassured his anxious entourage that the wound was nothing. He then motored to his residence, to which various distinguished personages hastened to condole with him. Dr. Bastianelli issued a bulletin, saying "The wound is due to gunshot, which perforated the nostrils; but it is not serious." —*Reuter.*

THE ASSAILANT.

Rome, April 7.

Signor Mussolini's assailant gave the name of Violet Albina Gibson, aged 50, a British subject. London, April 7. In connection with the attack on Signor Mussolini, Reuter is informed by a member of Lord Ashbourne's family that his sister, the Honourable Violet Albina Gibson, who is a lady of somewhat eccentric temperament, is at present in Rome. —*Reuter.*

Later.

Mussolini's injury did not prevent his attendance at a function for installing the new Fascist Directory at which he emphasised that Fascism had not yet completed its task.

PUBLIC INDIGNATION.

Rome, April 7.

The news of the attempt on the life of Signor Mussolini spread rapidly throughout the city and caused profound indignation among all sections of the populace, especially in the Central district. Feelings ran high and a number of young people marched to the offices of the Opposition newspaper *Mondo*, where they violently protested and damaged the plant. The authorities immediately issued strict orders to suppress all excesses. —*Reuter.*

POPULAR SYMPATHY.

Rome, April 7.

Flags are flying throughout the city in celebration of the Premier's escape. An enormous throng is stationed in front of Mussolini's residence and two registers in the Porter's Lodge have been completely filled with the signatures of well-wishers, including the Diplomatic Corps. Signor Mussolini has telegraphed to the King informing His Majesty of the attempted assassination and, re-assuring him as regards his health. The Duke and the Attorney General were among the Premier's visitors.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE.

Rome, April 7.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has sent a message to Signor Mussolini, saying:—"Horrible to learn of abominable attempt on your life. My wife joins me in congratulating you on escape. We trust your wound is not serious." —*Reuter.*

FASCIST PRESS INDIGNANT.

Rome, April 7.

The Fascist press untidily lays the blame on anti-Fascist campaigns and "sinister foreign interest." It opines that criminal anti-Italian propaganda should no longer be tolerated by civilised nations. —*Reuter.*

A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT.

It will be remembered that on November 5th, last—the day when Italy was officially celebrating her victory in the Great War—a sensation was caused by the discovery and exposure of a plot to assassinate Signor Mussolini, the ex-Socialist Deputy Zaniboni being arrested. A special rifle with a telescopic sight of a type used by sharpshooters in war-time was found in position in a sort of loophole cut in window shutters of a near-by hotel and trained on the balcony of Chigi Palace, where Signor Mussolini was due to view a parade. The shutters of the windows, which almost face the Palace, were so arranged as to permit the shooting to be done without observation. The culprit, Zaniboni wore his uniform as a major of the Alpini and had shaved off his moustache to disguise his identity. A motor car fully equipped for a long journey was for installing the new Fascist Directory at which he emphasised that Fascism had not yet completed its task.



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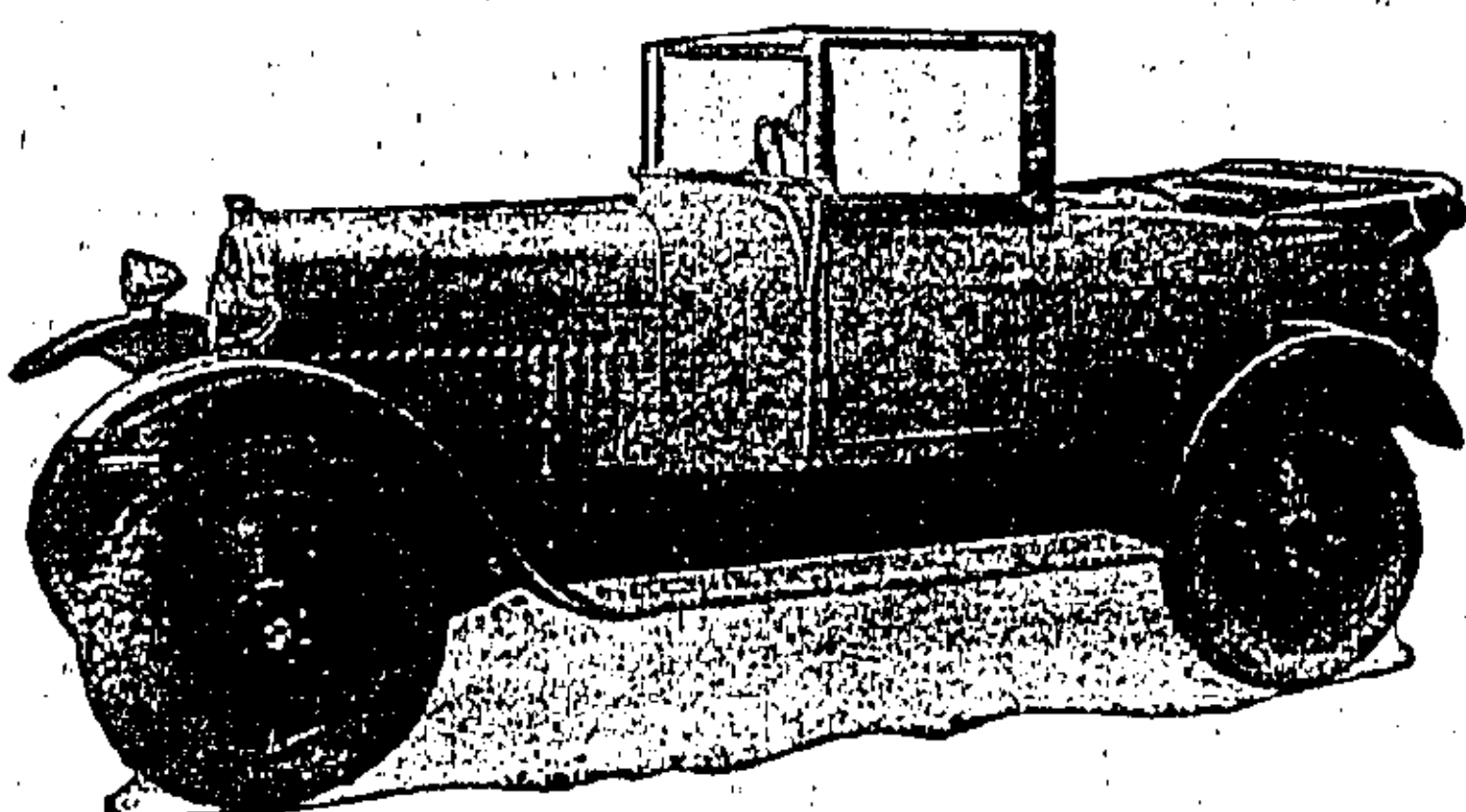
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MEALS FOR MEMBERS OF
KOWLOON SECTION.

Mr. Ralphs Urges Efficiency.

At the Yaumati School last evening, Mr. E. Ralphs, Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong, presented prizes to the successful contestants in a competition which was open to members of the Kowloon Section and was organised by Mr. J. Ralston the Section Commander.

The section, numbering 40 strong and including 12 recruits, was drawn up in the school yard, and after being inspected and put through a short drill, was addressed in turn by Mr. Ralston and Mr. Ralphs.

Mr. Ralston, in asking Mr. Ralphs to present the medals, announced that in a written competition for the section, two candidates had tied, and by the generosity of Mr. Ralphs the prize had been duplicated to obviate a further contest being held. The successful competitors were Privates Wong-pui and Wong Po-chu, who had tied with 75 per cent of marks each.

Mr. Ralphs then presented the medals and congratulated the recipients.

A Creditable Display.

Addressing the Section he said that it had given him great pleasure to attend this, the first parade held by the newly formed Kowloon Section, and he was extremely pleased with the creditable display they had given and also with their performances on the Murray Parade Ground before His Excellency the Governor a short time ago. They were only at the beginning of their history, and it was up to them to stick to the work.

They should not strive to get a large rank and file, as a maximum of 50 was quite sufficient. But the whole 50 should be good. First Aid men, always striving to make themselves better. They should work smartly and learn to do the right thing at the right time.

Competitions were extremely useful in sharpening up the knowledge of the Section, and he was pleased to announce that Mr. Ho Kum-tong, who had wished to be present but could not attend owing to an urgent engagement elsewhere, had signified his intention of presenting a Challenge Trophy, in the shape of a shield or cup, to be competed for by the Section as between stretcher squads.

His final words dealt with the need for individual smartness in uniform, equipment and conduct, as the manner of the one reflected upon the whole. Mr. Ralphs, as Commissioner, then promoted Corporal Hon Yuk-wei to Sergeant, to rank from date.

After dismissal of the parade, tea was served at tastefully decorated tables which had been set up in the school yard.

FISHING FLEET SUNK.

DISASTER OFF COAST OF JAPAN.

Eighty Missing.

Tokyo, April 7.
According to despatches from Hokkaido, ten fishing boats, after a hard fight against a storm, capsized off Muroran yesterday, resulting in more than eighty being missing. Local reservists, police, etc., are carrying out a search for bodies.
—Reuter.

MANNERS MAKETH MAN.

WAH YAN SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Mr. Hornell's Address.

Speaking at the annual presentation of prizes of the Wah Yan School, held at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. W. Hornell, M. A., C. I. E., Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, commented upon the great importance which Chinese attached to manners; and during the course of his address he referred to the criticism to which a University education was subjected.

After the distribution of the prizes, a short but interesting entertainment wholly organised by the students of the school was given. The programme included musical items and gymnastic displays.

Mr. Hornell said it was his initial performance as a prize distributor in Hongkong. He had only given away prizes once before, and that was in India.

The speaker described the progress of the school as being remarkable. In 1919 the principal commenced the institution with four boys, all of whom he taught himself. It was now seven years later, and the attendance numbered over 400 pupils, with a branch in Kowloon. He congratulated Mr. Tsui on the work he had done.

The results of the present year were remarkable. He was fully aware that it was customary to say that examination results did not matter, but, if examinations were worth entering they were worth passing. The school had sent eleven boys to the University, and Mr. Tsui had no doubt that number would increase. Mr. Hornell hoped he was right, and he shared in his hope and confidence. The University needed more pupils from institutions like the Wah Yan School.

A Criticism Answered.
Mr. Hornell then commented on the criticism that has been made from time to time against a University education. He said that it was suggested a University education was not a proper preparation for life. Students who went to Universities always took things luxuriously, and became snobbish.

If that was a fact, which he did not believe it to be, there was something wrong with the Universities and the students who went to them. If education meant anything it was meant, as the Governor had said, to bring out the best of everything that was in us.

He would advise the students of the Wah Yan School to strive to do everything to perfection. As Chinese they were great inheritors of traditions and culture. They were all wanted to take their share in the modern education which was now being offered them, and not to desert their traditional studies.

It was his great hope to make the University an institution where great importance would be attached to the study of the Chinese language. He himself had little knowledge of Chinese literature, but he had learned that Chinese always attached the greatest importance to manners, which reminded him of the famous motto, emblazoned on the portals of two of the greatest institutions in England, that "Manners maketh man."

The better educated one was, the better one's manners would become, and that would make relationship with one's fellow men more stable.

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In conclusion, Mr. Hornell congratulated the school and the staff for the good results of the year.

The report, which was read by Mr. P. Tsui, was as published by us yesterday.

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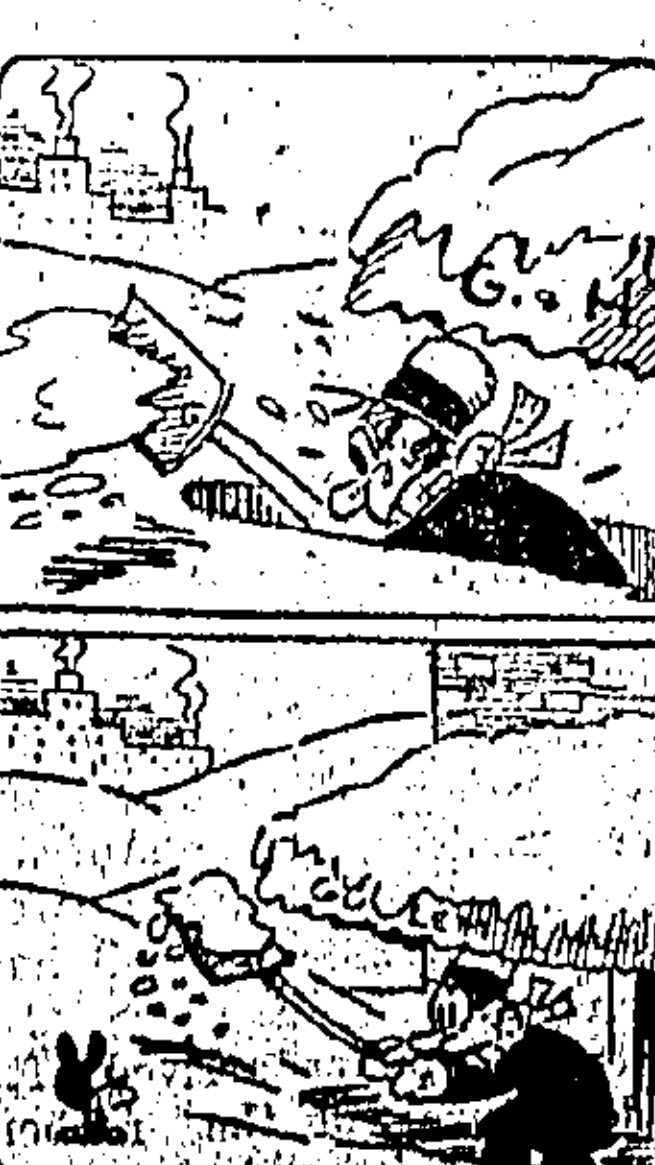
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NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO.—Sir John Tilly, the new British Ambassador to Tokyo, in his formal court uniform. This picture was taken just after he had presented his credentials to the Prince Regent of Japan.



A POPULAR SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Captain D. R. Wahl, Assistant Commissioner of the S.M.P., and formerly of Hongkong, was recently married at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, to Mrs. Dorothy Rains Phillips.



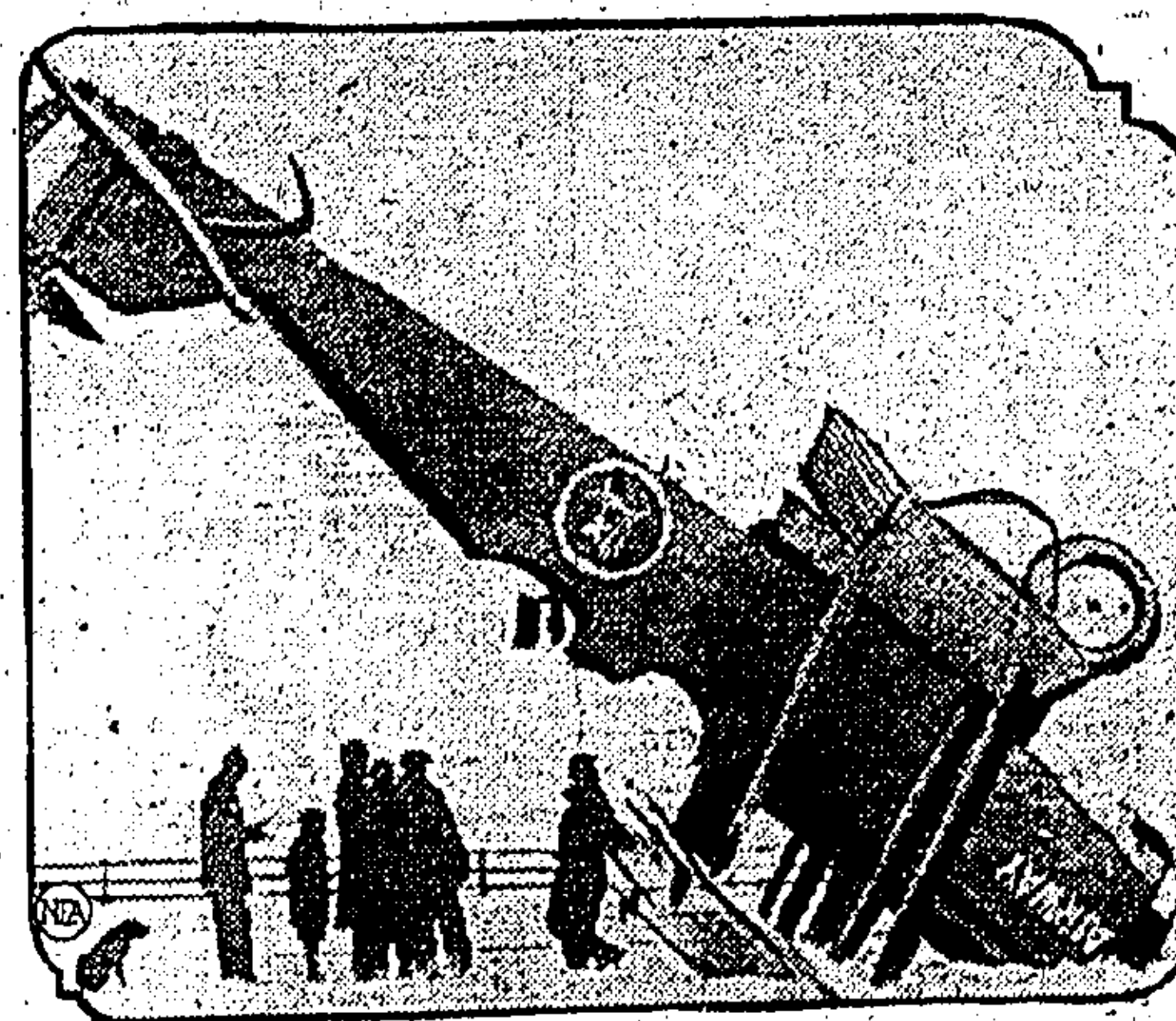
MEMORIAL SERVICES AT PEKING FOR DR. SUN YAT-SEN.—Thousands of Peking citizens attended the memorial services held on the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. A rostrum was erected at the entrance of the palace of the Forbidden City, and here laudatory addresses were delivered for three days in honour of China's first President.



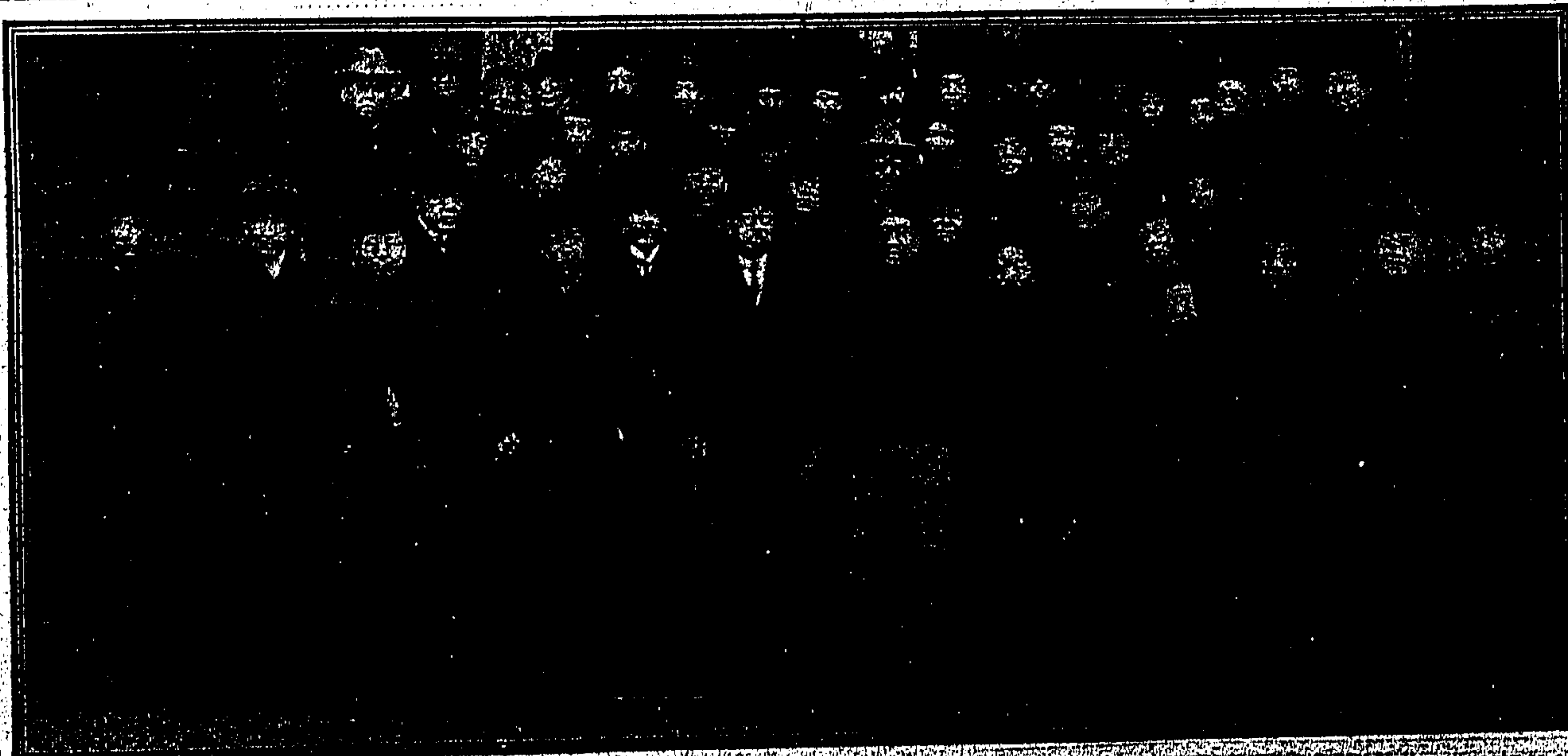
SETTING OUT TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. SUN.—Among those who participated in the memorial services held in Peking for Dr. Sun Yat-sen were his brother-in-law, Mr. H. H. Kung; Dr. C. T. Wang, recently Foreign Minister; and Mr. Sam Fung, attached to the Foreign Office.



PRISONERS OF WAR IN PEKING.—Several hundred Shantung prisoners of war captured by the Kuomintang forces, are here seen quartered in the grounds surrounding the Temple of Heaven at Peking.



CRASHES IN SNOWSTORM.—A blinding snow-storm near Cumberland, Md., set this plane on its nose during a flight from Bolling Field, at Washington.



PARTY IN HONOUR OF CHINESE ENVOYS.—Officials of the Foreign Office assembled in Peking recently to give a farewell party to a number of China's envoys who were appointed to foreign posts by Dr. C. T. Wang. The leading guest of honour, DEAN T. YAN, Minister to the Court of St. James, is fifth from the left.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

MEMBERS are reminded that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place in the Old Chamber Of Commerce Room, City Hall, at 5.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 9th April.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to consider various matters, more particularly the proposal to hold a SMOKING CONCERT in the City Hall on St. George's Day, FRIDAY, 23rd April.

Members are asked to endeavour to get Englishmen, not already members, to join the Society.

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FOR SALE.—An upright Moutrie Piano, very good condition—\$25. Cash. Box No. 1488 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

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An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Association has been called for and will take place at the Club Rooms, 17 Queen's Road, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, April 9th.

Members are requested to attend.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The forty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at the offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street on Thursday, 22nd April, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the company will be closed from 8th to 22nd April, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 26, 1926.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

The fifth bi-annual race for ship's lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday, April 21, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, to Kowloon Rock (P), mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across a line West to East.

Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify me not later than April 20.

F. OLIVER,

Hon. Secretary,

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Hongkong, April 6, 1926.

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Hongkong, March 30, 1926.

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having arrived from above ports, on 8th April, 1926. Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to present their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders, and take immediate delivery from alongside the steamer.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 11th April, 1926.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered on and after the 15th April, 1926, will be subject to rent.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,057 1/2 sa.
Chartered, \$21 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$30 b.
Mercantile C., \$13 1/2 b.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia, \$80 b.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$625 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.95 b.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$285 s.
Yangtze, \$40 n.

Fire Ins.

China Firs., \$170 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$550 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 n.
Steamboats, \$25 1/2 b.
Tugs, \$2 1/2 n.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., 87/ b.
Star Ferries, \$63 b.
Waterboats, \$15 n.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 n.
Malabons, \$35 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$150 n.
Kailans, 42/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 23 1/2 b.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.25 sa.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Raubs, \$500 b.
Tronohs, 61/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$131 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$60 n.
Hongkew, Tls. 165 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5.50 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$10 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$67 n.
Realty, \$6 b.
Territorials, \$5 1/2 n.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$100 n.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 10.25 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.75 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 55 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$11 1/2 b.
Canton Ices, \$7 1/2 n.
Cements, \$16 1/2 s.
China Buses, Tls. 10 s.
China Lights, \$21 b.
China Prov., \$7.00 s.
Constructions, \$2 1/2 s.
Dairy Farms, \$20 s.
Der. A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electrics, \$64 1/2 s.
Macao Electrics, \$40 n.
Developments, 25 cents, n.
Ropes, \$30 s.
Tramways, \$25 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$12 1/2 sa.
Mackintosh, \$21 1/2 n.
Peak Trams, \$17 1/2 b.
Sinceres, \$11 n.
Taxis, \$4 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons, \$12 b.
Powells, \$10 n.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised by cable from Singapore of the following rubber quotations:

Alenby	2.35
Alor Gajah	2.30
Amalgamated Malays	4.85
Ayer Moleks	3.00
Ayer Panas	14.50
Balgownie	4.75
Bassett	1.55
Brogas	1.75
Bukit Jelutong	1.35
Bukit Katil	1.10
Changkat Serangs	9.30
Comemaras	2.65
Glencolles	3.00
Indragiris	10.50
Jerams	1.75
Jimahs	2.55
Kedah	4.40
Kempas	10.00
Kuala Sidms	4.55
Lunas	4.50
Malaka Dindas	3.30
Malakoff	6.00
Mandal Tekong	.95
Mayfields	15.00
Mentakabs	.70
New Sorendahs	4.75
Pajans	14.75
Pangors	1.45
Sandycrofts	4.50
Scudals	3.30
Sungel Bagans	4.70
Tapahs	80.00
Tambalaks	1.50
Teluk Ansoni	15.50
United Malaccas	3.10
Utah Simpans	4.75

The cable advice further states that the price of rubber is now 90 cents per lb. whilst the following dividends have been declared:—Malakoff, 50 per cent. final, Radellas, 16 per cent.

PARENTS & CHILDREN.

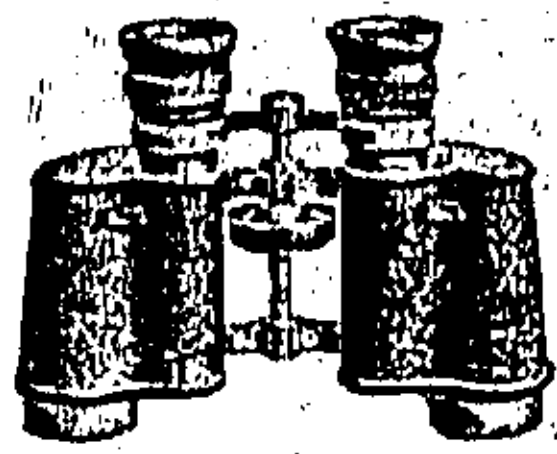
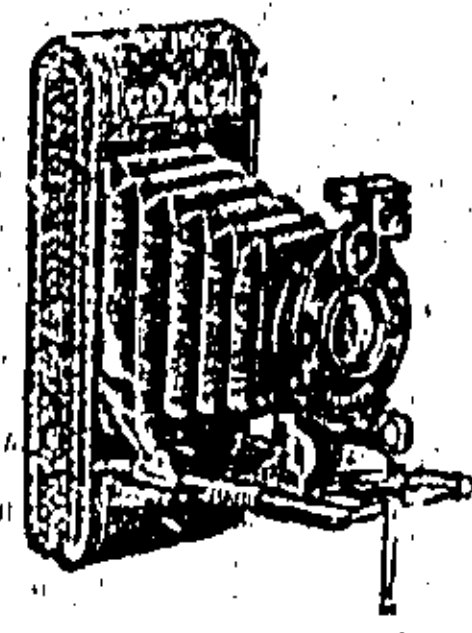
THE ROOT CAUSE OF MENTAL DISORDERS.

[BY DR. HARRY ROBERTS.] Children are the young of man—a trism of which many people seem to be unconscious.

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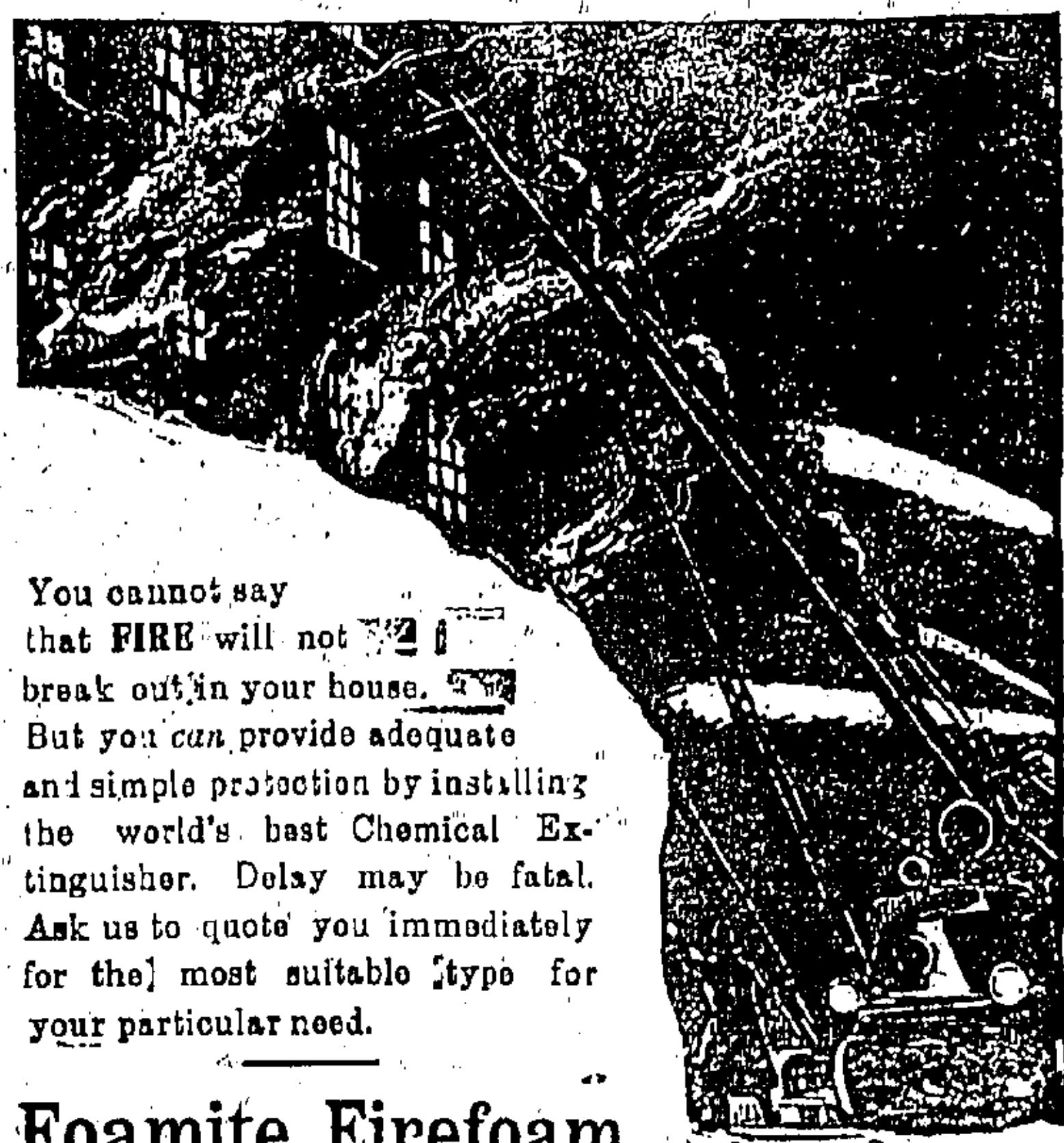


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We have pleasure in informing our Kowloon customers that on and after the 1st. April, 1926, a branch of our business will be opened at 36 Nathan Road.

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ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT THE INSTITUTE.

Impromptu Concert.

Members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes assembled at the R. A. O. B. Institute on Tuesday evening, where an enjoyable dinner and social evening took place under the presidency of Mr. Howells (the Vice-Chairman of the Institute) in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Goldenburg, the Chairman. Full justice was done to an excellent repast, for which chief credit is due to Mr. Selwood for the able manner in which he carried out the catering arrangements.

The Chairman proposed the King, following which the toasts of "Our Order," "The Institute" and "Absent Brethren" were honoured, these being proposed by Messrs. Jeffries, Gibb and Workman and responded to by Capt. Johnson, Mr. Matthews, Capt. Thompson, Mr. Bradburn and Mr. Manwaring. Glowing tributes were paid to various members.

An impromptu concert followed with Mr. I. Anson at the piano, the following rendering greatly appreciated items: Capt. Thompson, Messrs. H. E. Steel, R. J. Steele, Manwaring, Leyton, de Carteret, Chisholm, Jeffries and Mitchell. The evening was voted an unqualified success, special thanks being due to the following who were responsible for the arrangements: Messrs. Goldenburg, Howells, Gibb (Secretary), Salmon, W. L. an, Brown, de Carteret, Jeffries, Selwood, Morisset and Capt. Johnson.

The next Buffalo dinner will be eagerly looked forward to on the return of the Fleet from the sojourn cruise.

ROPE NOT USED.

COOLIE WHO FAILED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS.

Fatal Fall From Cliff.

The story of a coolie's failure to take full precautions while working high up on the cliff face of the Government Quarry at North Point was related at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a death inquiry was conducted by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The evidence showed that the man was working about 30 feet above the level, and was barring a rock which had been loosened by blasting on the previous day.

A witness stated that the safety rope was wound round the man's arm instead of being attached to his waist. The rock on which he was working started to move, with the result that the man crashed to the ground below.

The movement of the rock apparently dislodged other stones and the man was terribly mutilated by the material which fell on him. He sustained multiple injuries, which included a fracture of practically the whole left side of the skull and the base of the skull.

The European supervisor at the quarry said instructions were given to the coolies working there that the safety ropes must be fastened to the waist.

The inquiry was adjourned in order that the foreman who was on duty on the morning of the fatality could be called to give evidence.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

"SEAGOING MEMBERS" NOW ADMITTED.

The Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club was held in the Central British School last evening, the President, Mr. E. Cock, being in the chair. There was a good attendance of members.

Previous to the annual meeting, an extraordinary general meeting was held when a special resolution regarding the alteration of rules was put to the meeting and confirmed. This enables the committee to vary the subscription and admits Naval and Mercantile Marine officers to the Club as "seagoing members."

The annual meeting having been called, the adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Mr. K. S. Robertson, seconded by Mr. T. E. Jones and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said although the annual meeting was due to be held in February, and in future would be held in that month, they were still in order.

The events of the year were too well-known by members to need reviewing, but he wished to make reference to one or two matters. One was subscriptions. The committee felt the present subscription was too high, and that the monthly payment threw a lot of unnecessary work on the treasurer. They thought that members would not object to paying once in six months. While they thought of reducing subscriptions, they could not do so as much as they would like to, for the reason that they desired to spend more money on the course. Another reason was that they had expected further assistance from the Government, which, up to the present, had not been forthcoming. They therefore had to carry on, on their own.

He wished to thank, on behalf of members, the officers of the 5/2 Punjabi Regiment for their consideration of the Club in their use of the range. The range was allotted to them, but they had always tried not to interfere with the Club's competitions.

He wished to have the Club free of debt as soon as possible, and they hoped that the new committee would be able to see their way to redeem debentures from time to time.

Members would be glad to hear that the committee had taken steps to have a telephone installed at the club-house at an early date. The thanks of the Club were due to Mr. Burford and Mr. Paterson for the work they had done in connection with the greens. He was shortly going on leave, and must therefore resign the Presidency.

New Officers.

Mr. S. J. Jordan said he thought they would, like himself, be sorry to lose Mr. Cock, and he therefore proposed that he be re-elected and the Club carry on with a vice president during his absence. This was unanimously agreed to.

Other officers were then elected as follows: Vice-President, Mr. V. C. Labrum; Captain, Mr. J. D. Thomson; Hon. treasurer, Mr. E. W. Altrec; Hon. secretary, Mr. J. O. McLaggen; General Committee—Messrs. A. W. Roberts, K. S. Robertson, A. C. S. Burford, J. B. Trevor and A. W. Brown.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Cock for presiding, and to the outgoing officers, was heartily carried.

AVIATION.

Brussels, April 7.

The Belgian airmen who are returning from the Congo have arrived at Athens from Cairo. They took 9½ hours to cross the Mediterranean in a high wind, with hail and fog. The conditions over Crete were so bad that they had to make a detour.—Reuter.

BOYS' ESCAPADES.

LAY UNDER PASSING TRAINS.

Two of the exploits attributed to a gang of small boys, who appeared in Leicester Police Court recently were that they

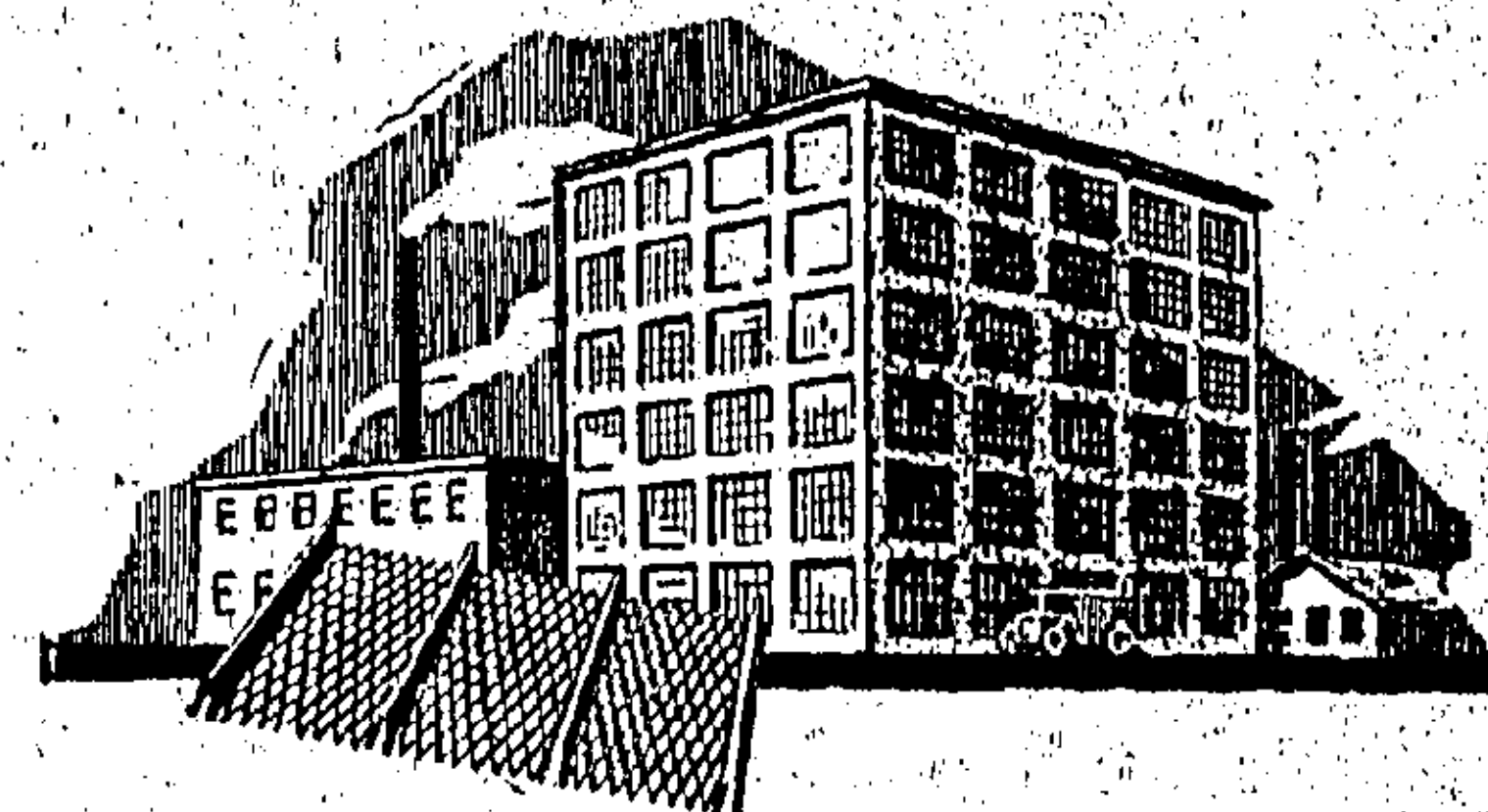
Lay down between the rails and let trains pass over them; and Loosened the taps of a tank containing six tons of ammonia.

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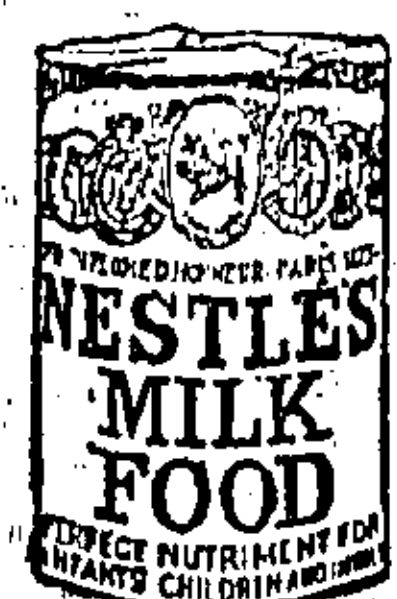
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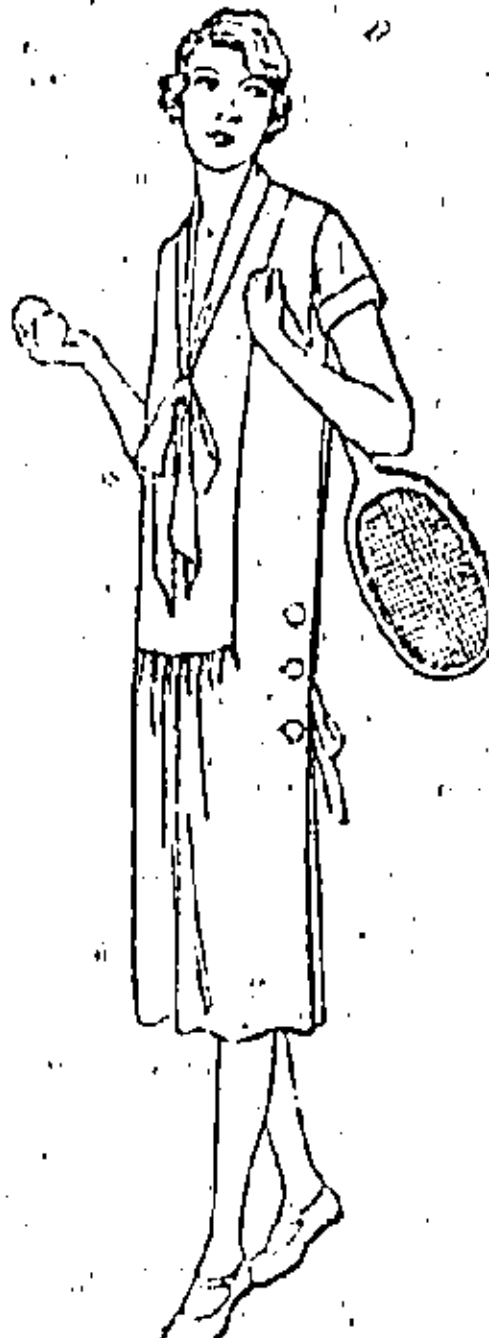
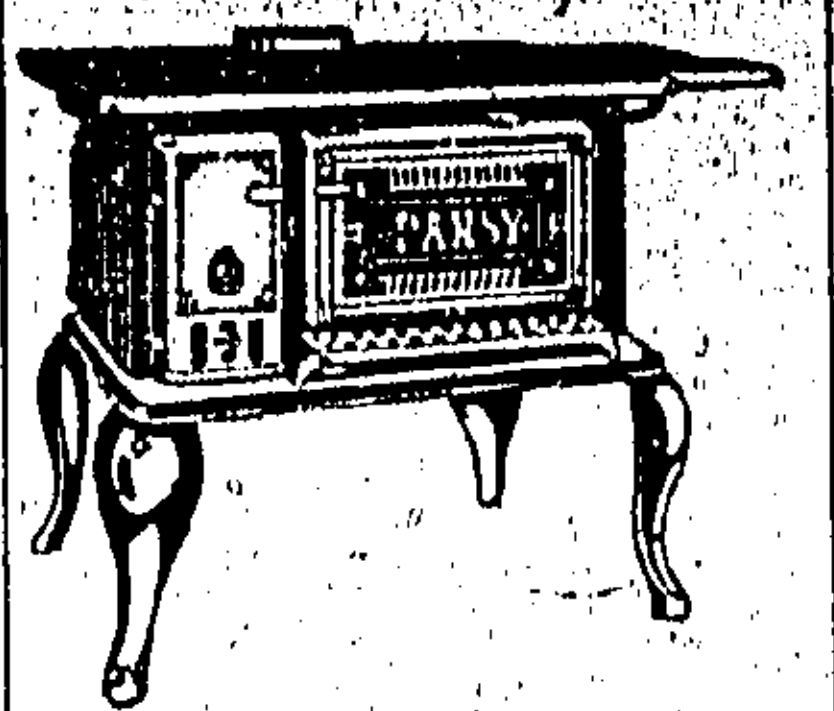
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The Telegraph.
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1926.

BRITAIN'S TASK IN INDIA.

The serious riots which have been occurring in Calcutta provide much food for thought regarding what would happen in India if the protecting arm of Britain were withdrawn. These disturbances, which are purely religious in character, started from what would appear to be a very unimportant incident, namely a Hindu procession approaching a Muslim mosque, with the result that fighting broke out and there have been sporadic outbreaks for several days. The casualty list now having risen to quite large dimensions. There is nothing political about the affair; it is simply a case of rival religious adherents coming into conflict; and, religious prejudices being what they are in India, disastrous developments have ensued, causing much bloodshed and no doubt further increasing the enmity between Hindus and Muslims.

Western peoples can have very little conception of the intensity of the religious animosity which still operates between the various creeds in India and which every now again culminates in outbreaks of the kind under notice. Add to this the racial hatreds which often lead to equally serious conflicts, and some little idea can be formed of the difficulties which British administrators have to face in that great country. All that, however, is part of the burden which Britain has to bear, but the value of British rule is that it does keep these outbreaks from becoming more frequent and thus saves the country from disasters which, if they spread to any marked extent, would plunge the whole of India into a shambles. Lord Irwin, the new Viceroy, in a speech which he delivered just before going out to India to assume office, spoke of the peace and good order which British rule has brought to the Indians, claiming

this to be the best security for the people and for the future discharge of our duty to the country. In that work, we are happy to see signs of a happy co-operation between the Indians and the British, and to-day circumstances are conspiring to combine the two interests in a common enterprise which claims the best service that both can render.

There are, as Lord Irwin has declared, influences which are working to obstruct Anglo-Indian combination, and there are abroad plenty of pessimists who seek to dispirit and depress those who have put their hands to the great task of assuring to India peace and prosperity. The better elements amongst both peoples, however, realise that pessimism only saps the foundation of faith and hope, which are the qualities which enable obstacles to be surmounted. Britain has a sacred trust to discharge in India, and she will continue her beneficent work in spite of all efforts that may be made to obstruct it. Justice and co-operation are her watchwords, and working on this basis she will vindicate her rule and cause future generations of Indians to rise up and call her name blessed.

Private Conduct.

Of interest to practically everybody, because of the great principle which underlies it, has been the appeal action in the Law Courts at Home of Professor J. B. S. Haldane against his dismissal from the post of reader of Bio-Chemistry at Cambridge University, which was decreed by the University Committee, following his appearance as co-respondent in a divorce case. The case has attracted country-wide attention and publicity because it has been claimed by Professor Haldane that the private life of a teacher or professor of the University has nothing whatever to do with his work and that the University Committee acted wrongly in constituting itself a court of morals and dismissing him for something entirely extraneous to his work as a reader. More than a century has elapsed since a similar appeal was made and the appeal hearing was in private before a Special Court constituted under the powers of the University charter. It was understood (telegraphically the London correspondent of an Indian paper) that the appeal would be granted. The interest of the case to the ordinary man-in-the-street is centred in the plea that his private life ought to be kept distinct from his professional or business life, provided, of course, that his private life is not such as to impair his efficiency or place him outside the pale of decent society. The general contention is that a man's livelihood and his opportunities for earning it should be governed solely by his abilities and professional character and should not be at the mercy of narrow-minded "Mother-Grundies" who don't like something he has done in his private life. To discharge a man like Prof. Haldane solely on the ground that he was cited as co-respondent in a divorce case is, at this time of day, an interference which is rightly resented.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, April 7.
To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	139.40
Brussels	125.25
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.33
Copenhagen	18.57
Vienna	34.45
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	2 1/2
Buenos Aires	44 1/2
Shanghai	2/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2 1/8
New York	48.04
Geneva	25.20
Milan	120.00
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	22.85
Frankfurt	104
Madrid	32.38
Rio	0.13/10
Bombay	1/6 3/8
Hongkong	2/3 1/4
Silver (spot)	20.15/16
Silver (forward)	30

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DRYING UP OF A SINGLE TEAR HAS MORE OF GLORY THAN THE SHEDDING OF SEAS OF GORE.
—Byron.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East or variable winds, moderate to light; fair.

The s.s. Talamia, which left Singapore on the 6th. instant, is due here on Saturday.

Amongst the passengers who left for Sydney by the s.s. Arafura was Mr. S. E. Joseph and Mr. J. F. Kennedy.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade was called to Humphrey's Buildings last night, but on arrival found the outbreak was only in a chimney and had been extinguished.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Victor Basil Russakoff, surveyor of the Netherlands Harbour Works, to Miss A. B. Sokoloff, also of the Netherlands Harbour Works.

Last week's health return shows four non-fatal cases of small-pox (one Scottish and the others Chinese), one fatal Chinese case of typhoid fever and one non-fatal Japanese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Mrs. Stafford, of 16, Knutsford Terrace, reports to the police that yesterday afternoon she left a parcel in a rickshaw between Kimberley Road and the "Star" Ferry. It contained 43 pieces of Swatow drawn work, which she values at \$55.

Yesterday morning an amah was bitten by a dog in Pratt's Avenue, Kowloon. It was her mistress's dog which she was apparently taking out for a walk. She reported what had happened to her mistress, who had the dog taken to Kennedy Town for observation. The amah was taken to the Dispensary and the wound treated there.

OBITUARY.

MR. L. S. PERERA.

The death took place at the Kowloon Hospital, at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, after two months' illness with acute bronchitis, of Mr. L. Stanley Perera, a member of a well-known Sinhalese family in Ceylon.

Deceased, who was with the China Light and Power Company, was very well liked by his friends, owing to his genial disposition. During the strike in 1922, he was amongst the volunteers who helped to maintain the tramway service.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument on its way to the Catholic Cemetery at 5.30.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

FAILURE TO PRODUCE LICENCE.

The master of steam launch Tai Yik Yee, was charged before Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, with failing to produce the launch licence when called upon to do so on March 28th.

Sergt. Bradwell said that at 12.30 p.m. on the day in question he asked the defendant for the licence and he could not produce it.

The defendant said the licence had been taken to the Harbour Office to report the arrival of the launch.

A launch licensing clerk, at the office said he was asked by Inspector Bond if the licence was in the office and he replied in the negative. It was several months since he had last seen it.

The owner of the boat gave evidence of bringing the licence to the office, and Commander Hole said he found the defendant guilty of not having the licence book on board, but there was some excuse. In discharging the defendant, he warned him that when the book had been taken to the office it must be returned immediately to the boat.

The mistress of cargo boat 463V admitted a charge of lying with five others alongside the s.s. Tean. She was fined \$5 or in default five days.

TRICK CYCLIST.

FINED ON THREE COUNTS.

Owing to numerous letters being received, complaining of the dangerous riding of Kowloon cyclists, the prosecution asked that a Chinese who appeared before the Kowloon Magistrate this morning be dealt with in an exemplary manner. The defendant was charged on three counts and fines amounting to \$45 were imposed.

The evidence showed that the defendant, whilst riding a cycle, had his hands behind his back and was swaying from one side of the road to the other. When called upon to stop by Sergeant Jessop, the defendant turned round and attempted to escape, but was caught by the officer.

On a charge of not having full control of his machine, a fine of \$10 was imposed. A similar penalty was imposed on the count of dangerous driving.

The defendant was fined a further \$25 on the third charge, the offence being one of failing to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer.

SANITARY BOARD.

TWO NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCY.

Nominations for the election of a member to the Sanitary Board closed to-day, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, whose retirement after his third term of service caused the vacancy, is not standing again.

At the election, which takes place on April 12th, a choice will have to be made between two candidates. These are Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio, proposed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, and seconded by Mr. C. A. da Roza; and Dr. Sai Chuen-ho, proposed by Dr. Shu Fan-lee, seconded by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

MADRID-MANILA FLIGHT.

THIRD AIRMAN AT TRIPOLI.

Tripoli, April 7.
The remaining Spanish airman, flying the machine which descended at Tunis, has arrived here.—*Reuter.*

PROHIBITION.

FURTHER INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.

Washington, April 7.
Interest is unabated in the prohibition enquiry.

The chief witness to-day was Mr. Buckner, Federal Attorney of New York, who was considerably in the lime light recently owing to a series of spectacular liquor raids he organised on numerous hotels and fashionable restaurants. Mr. Buckner said the chief difficulty in enforcing prohibition lay in alcohol diversion, which amounted to \$60,000,000 annually and which, when manufactured into so-called whiskey, reached the staggering bootleg value of \$36,000,000,000. He testified that drug stores were the chief centres of diversified alcohol, those in New York City alone drawing out 48,000 gallons annually, the total of which was far in excess of the amount for which doctors can legally prescribe. He concluded by stating that only sixteen agents were available to inspect drug stores and doctors prescriptions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BATHING PROBLEM.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Now that the question of public bathing beaches is receiving its annual attention, would it not be more tactful for your correspondents to aim at constructive criticism rather than condemn the Government?

I believe that the proper Authorities will admit that there is an unfortunate paucity of bathing accommodation, and probably they would welcome sensible advice. A group of beach bungalows, such as those provided by the Corporation at Bournemouth, would surely produce sufficient revenue to warrant the building, and this could either be done by the Government, or tenders called for the right to erect an approved type. The unsightly mounds could then be done away with because on such beaches as Repulse Bay, which after all, should be available for public health recreation.

Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,
S. W. N.
Hongkong, April 8th, 1926.

The Very Idea!

The story is told of an Englishman visiting a house in Aberdeen. He observed that the wallpaper was tacked on, and appraised the occupant of his surprise.

The reply was, "Do you think we're going to live here for ever?"

One thousand armed men stood about in the streets of Lexington, Ky., the other day. They had ugly looking tanks with them, field pieces, three dozen machine guns. The city was on a war footing. All of this was done to protect the life of one poor negro—an addled gentleman by the name of Harris who had slain three people and who, it was feared, would surely be torn limb from limb by an angry mob if he ever appeared outside his prison cell.

The batsman walked pompously to the wicket, surveyed the crowd loftily, had the sight screen moved, patted the pitch, adjusted his cap, hitched up his trousers, patted the turf again, and dug himself in.

The bowler sent down a simple ball, which scattered the stumps, and the batsman returned slowly to the pavilion.

"Ard luck, sir," came a voice from the crowd, "Just as you was getting set an' all!"

Marylebone witness—You could not call it an assault. It was only a punch on the nose.

She wore a one-piece bathing suit—
This lovely little child—
But ne'er went in the water.

That's
What made the wild waves wild!

We consider it bad taste for a lady wearing a champagne frock to be seen drinking port.

Sayings of the famous—Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, is a bit of an amateur detective himself. "I recently detected a nail in my left shoe," he proudly declares.

Alfredo Herrera Nunez a Havana gentleman purchased government lottery ticket No. 659, paying \$28 for it. At the drawing his number came out, calling for the capital prize of \$100,000.

Herrera looked for his ticket. It had been stolen. The police are watching all lottery pay stations for some one to turn up and claim the prize.

Canon H. T. Powell, rector of Darenth, has appealed to every woman in the parish, "whether shingled, bingled or bobbed," to send at least a shilling to assist in rebuilding his church steeple.

Already beset by scores of new and complicated traffic regulations, Rome chauffeurs now have to guard against a new way of getting fined—committing "aesthetic" misdemeanors.

One aesthetic misdemeanor is the act of protecting the radiator in chilly weather by covering it with a sheet of newspaper or other paper. This, says Governor Crenesi, constitutes a most unbecoming ornament. "If," says an ordinance, "special conditions render necessary covering the radiator, this should be effected by the proper technical means."

The only period in a woman's life when she gives any thought to dress is between the cradle and the grave.

A pathologist is a doctor who invents diseases for other doctors to cure.

CHINA PROVIDENT.

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In addition to the matters which fall under the heads I have already mentioned, there are many other transactions which require further investigation.

Loans have been made on various securities, for example, borrowings by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes, the accounts and valuations calculated to December 31st, 1925, showing the firm to be indebted to the Company in a sum of \$269,000—the security being partly shares and partly goods—with an estimated excess of indebtedness over security of \$77,000.

There is a total of roughly \$20,000 outstanding on promissory notes without any security whatsoever. And large sums are due to the Company for storage charges in some cases going back nearly 10 years. We cannot, of course, expect to recover all at this late date.

ESTIMATE OF LOSSES.

Without going more fully into the position, the preliminary statements show that loans on shares and property are in excess of security to the extent of approximately \$1,750,000, but we sincerely hope that the full loss will not amount to this sum. In addition, there are the smaller items such as bad debts, unpaid interest, etc., allowance for which will have to be made, and we place the losses to be met at an outside figure of \$2,000,000. This may mean a drastic adjustment of the issued capital or possibly reorganisation of the Company. As to this, it is impossible to form an opinion until a more complete investigation has been carried out.

At the present moment I am not prepared to suggest to what extent the officers of the Company can be held liable for the losses incurred. It would be undesirable, in your Committee's opinion, to attempt to do so until necessary investigations have been completed and all the facts known.

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE.

The foregoing gives you as concisely as possible the present position of the Company, and I now propose to deal with the immediate future. I suggest that as it is impossible for a large body to deal with the situation, you be asked to nominate three representatives from your number to represent you and to co-operate with the members of the present Consulting Committee, to continue the investigations and to report to you at a later date, together with any recommendations they are able to make as to the future of the Company. To be of practical use, this Committee should have your authority to employ such expert knowledge as they may deem necessary. They should also be empowered to engage, temporarily or permanently, such persons as they deem necessary either for purposes of this investigation or for the proper conduct of the Company's business. In this connection the investigating accountants have called our attention to the necessity of having more assistants for the godown part of the business, and your Committee consider it most desirable to employ for a limited period a qualified accountant to assist in the completion of the investigation and to install an efficient and up to date system of accounting.

I would like to give you a few words of encouragement before I sit down. Your Company has excellent property at West Point and an excellent godown business, which if properly managed, could, I feel sure, give shareholders an adequate return on their investment, and I therefore ask you to give the Committee your whole-hearted co-operation to the end that we may once more put the Company on a sound and paying basis. It will be necessary to ask you to exercise patience and to attend shareholders' meetings which may have to be numerous in order to keep you fully posted as to progress made, and I therefore ask you all to take a live interest in the affairs of the Company.

I will now read you the proposals on the agenda, after which I believe Mr. Shewan wishes to address you.

Mr. Weall then read the following resolutions.

(a) That the Company confirms the measures already taken by the Consulting Committee with reference to the investigations made by them into the financial position of the Company and authorizes payment by the Company of

auditors and legal expenses incurred to date in connection therewith.

(b) That three shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee in completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

(c) That the Consulting Committee be authorised to employ auditors and lawyers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

(d) That a qualified accountant be employed by the Company to assist and advise the present staff of the Company.

MR. SHEWAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Shewan said:—Gentlemen,—You have heard the statement made by Mr. Weall on behalf of the Consulting Committee arising out of the investigation they have already carried out, based on the information we have supplied them with up to date, and as you will appreciate, from that statement, only a preliminary investigation has taken place up to the present. We trust that a complete and thorough inquiry and investigation will show a substantially brighter position than is at present indicated by Mr. Weall's statement.

The General Managers desire it to be clearly understood that they welcome the appointment of a special investigating committee, and are only too pleased to place all materials they may require at their disposal, and to give them all information they may desire. I will now deal with some of the points raised in Mr. Weall's statement.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

The General Managers always considered that it was their duty to assist shareholders in taking up their shares and were always willing to extend the time if a reasonable excuse were given. They did not consider that they should have endeavoured to make money out of some shareholders for the benefit of other shareholders. I do not understand the reference to issuing shares to certain shareholders. No shares were issued except to those who were entitled to them.

I know no reason why interest was not charged, but this matter can be gone into by the committee appointed.

I do not think that there was any such loss as \$100,000 in the allotment of these shares. One large shareholder was given a rather longer extension than usual, as he could not get the money without communicating with his wife in England, but this did not occasion any loss at all to the Company, as if the General Managers had refused to give him this extension, he would simply have sold his rights to the new shares at a profit to himself, and this remark applies to all other shareholders, and the Company would not have made the \$100,000 in any case. As a matter of fact, the Company now hold the shares which formerly stood in the name of that shareholder, as he failed to pay the final call. I cannot see that there was any failure in duty in this case by the General Managers.

I do not understand the statement that the committee and shareholders were led to believe that the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, as the printed statement of account dated 18th April, 1925, shows that there were 396,247 shares on which \$2.50 had been paid. At the meeting of the 30th April, 1924, the Chairman did not intend to lead shareholders to believe that the million dollars cash had already been received, but that the Company's resources had been strengthened by the increase of capital to that extent, as it subsequently, for all practical purposes, was.

MORTGAGES.

This was a matter for the discretion of the General Managers, and they followed the advice of the Company's Manager, the late Mr. Taylor, who had had many years' experience of property dealings in this Colony. It will be realised that to get a high rate of interest the margin must be small. With regard to

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LOCAL WEDDING.

LOWCOCK-KOTEWALL.

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon a wedding of considerable local interest took place when Miss Mabel Kotewall, daughter of Mr. S. Kotewall, of 57, Conduit Road, was married to Mr. Henry Lowcock, son of Mr. G. Lowcock, of 15 Babington Path. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. T. B. Powell.

The bride who was given away by the Dr. R. H. Kotewall, was charmingly attired in a dress of white crepe de chine with a wide circular flounce of silver lace. The beautiful train was made of the same material, and was also applied with silver lace. Her veil of tulle illusion, was finished off with a diadem of pearls and orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies.

Miss Malsie Kotewall, the little flower girl wore a dress of very fine shadow lace, finished off with dainty hand-made flowers. Her hair was similarly trimmed.

Miss Bobby Kotewall, as page-boy in the style of Louis XIV., wore a costume of white roman satin, lined with silver tissue.

Miss Phoebe Kotewall, the maid of honour, was dressed in white georgette, trimmed with silver and pale blue embroidery. Her bandeau and bouquet were made of forget-me-nots.

Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall, the bridesmaids, were dressed in pale pink satin, trimmed with bands of silver. They also wore bandeaux to match the dresses of silver and pink tissue, and carried bouquets of pale pink roses and sweets peas.

Mr. George Zimmern was "best man."

Following the ceremony a reception, attended by numerous friends, was held at 57, Conduit Road.

The honeymoon is being spent in Shanghai. The bride's going away dress was of silver grey marocaine lined with pale pink charmeuse. She wore a grey hat to match the dress.

ARMY TRANSPORT.

TESTING MECHANICAL UNITS.

Rugby, April 7. In this year's military training on Salisbury Plain, special importance will be attached to the manoeuvres, which will be devoted entirely to the employment of mechanised units.

It is desired to test thoroughly how far horse transport can be dispensed with and to discover what is the best type of heavy mechanical transport for general use. It was recently explained by the Minister that the required type of mechanical transport must be suitable both from the military and from the commercial viewpoints, so that it could be manufactured in large numbers and cheaply. Designers are already at work on various types of transport and these will undergo searching trials when built.

—British Wireless.

USED MASTER'S CAR.

CHAUFFEUR'S EARLY MORNING TRIP.

Referred to as being a perfect nuisance by the prosecuting police officer, a chauffeur in private employment, who used his master's car for public hire, was fined \$50, or, in the alternative, four weeks' hard labour, in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court to-day.

It was stated by Inspector Grant that the defendant, who was employed by a Chinese merchant of Bonham Strand, was seen by Sergeant Dyer to make several trips between West Point, in the restaurant quarter, and the central district early this morning. When arrested at 3.30 in the morning he had two passengers, whom he was taking back to town for a dollar.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

London, April 7. A bulletin says that Princess Victoria progressed satisfactorily during the day.—Reuter.

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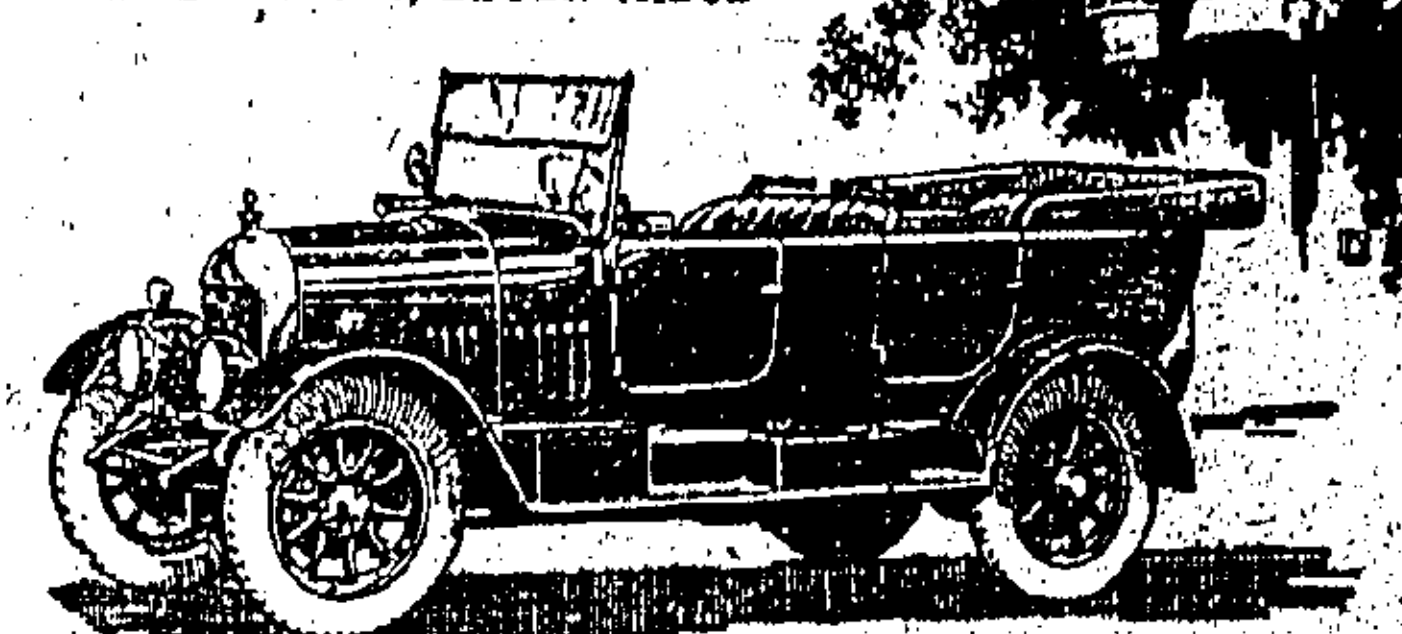
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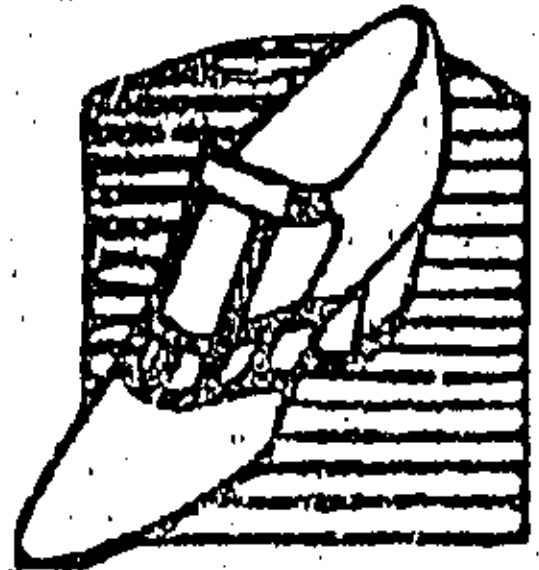
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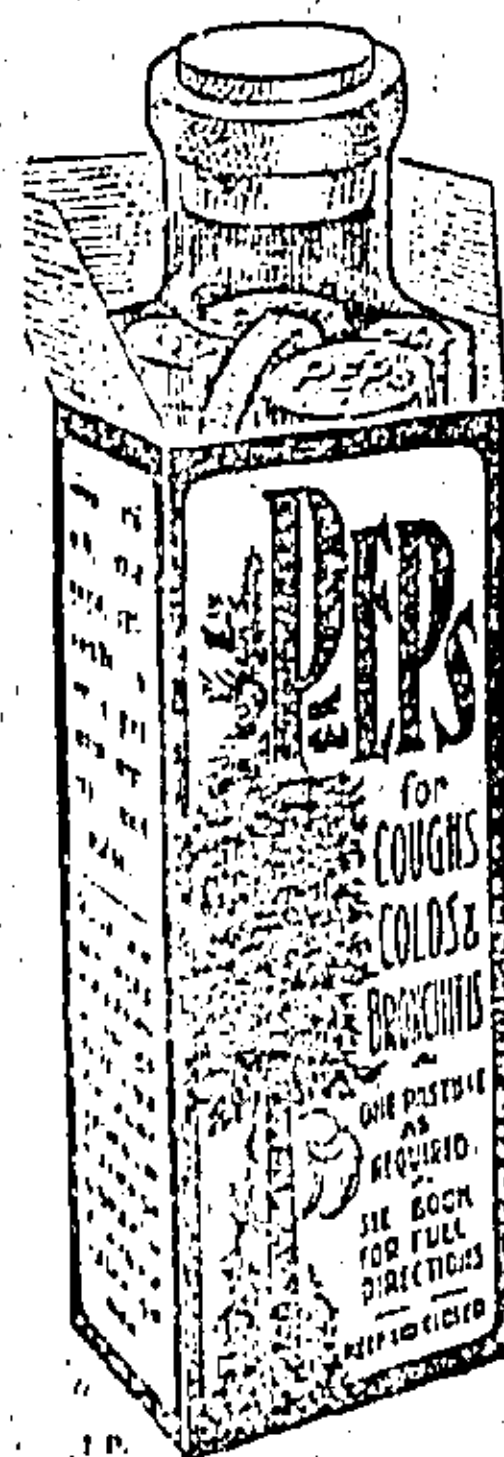
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EXEMPLARY SENTENCES
AT KOWLOON.

A Tea-house Tale.

Before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged with breaches of the Arms Ordinance. In both cases the defendants pleaded guilty to possession and sentences of three years and four years hard labour respectively were imposed by the Court.

Making a statement in mitigation, a Chinese charged with being in unlawful possession of a three-cornered dagger, three coils of wire and a knife, stated that the dagger and wire were given to him by a friend in a tea-house for safe custody, while the friend went in search of another acquaintance. During the man's absence the Police appeared on the scene and defendant was arrested. The knife was his personal property which he used in his profession as a fitter.

Inspector Stimson told the court that the dagger was found concealed in the defendant's hat after he had been arrested and taken to the Police Station. Sentence of three years hard labour was passed.

Another Case.

In the second case a Chinese pleaded guilty to possession of one revolver and eleven rounds of ammunition, and was sentenced to four years imprisonment with hard labour.

The defendant, who was arrested in the tea-house with the accused in the previous case, told their Worshipships that he had been given the arms and ammunition by Leung Fat, the man who had given the dagger and wire to the other man.

It was stated by the Police that Leung Fat was traced to his house but was not there when the house was visited by detectives.

A CAT BURGLAR.

PROWLER FOUND ON THE
ROOF.

Kowloon Resident's Prosecution.

Mr. W. J. Stonham, of 313, Nathan Road, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, to prosecute a Chinese, who was found loitering on the roof, it being alleged that the defendant was trespassing on the premises for an unlawful purpose.

In evidence, an amah, who was on the roof looking after some clothes, stated that the defendant appeared on the roof of the house by climbing over the dividing wall from an adjoining house.

The defendant was chased down the stairs and later jumped into the backyard from the roof of the kitchen and sustained an injury to his leg.

Mr. Stonham, whose attention was attracted by the commotion, went to the rear of the house and seized the defendant.

Making a statement, the defendant said that he had been searching for a friend.

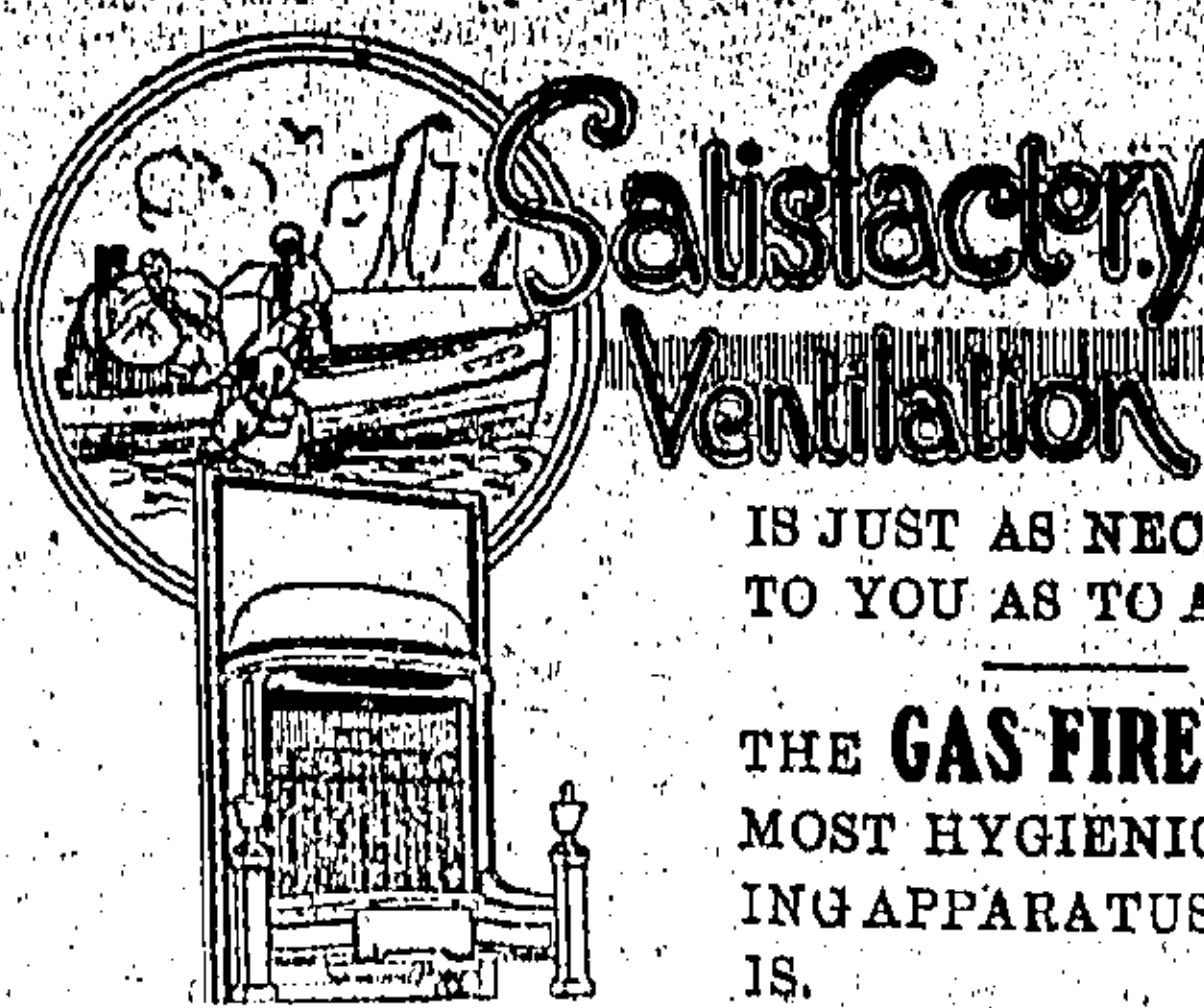
Sentence of 14 days' hard labour was imposed.

Woman's triumphal march may be traced in many directions. A woman barrister appeared recently for the plaintiff in a breach of promise action. Thirty-five women were among the 179 candidates on whom the diploma of member was conferred at a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. They had "passed" the requisite examinations and, complied with the by-laws.

"RULE OF THE GIANT."

INDIAN PHILOSOPHER'S
COMPLAINT.

In striking contrast to the aggressive note in Mr. Panikkar's eulogy of the Princes as the custodians of the military spirit was a speech recently delivered by that venerable poet, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, on "The Rule of the Giant." Obviously referring to his obsession, the materialism of the west, which he exploited to the utmost during his visit to China he said, "A society which produces hugeness of organization in its politics, commerce, religion, education and amusement, fetters its living limbs, smothers the movements of its spiritual expression, continually builds round itself its own tomb, though for the time being this appears like a tower of victory. In the temple of a living principle has been enshrined an iron monster, productive of things and destructive of life. There was a time when the profession of fighting and the business of profit-gathering were restricted to specially trained grounds of men, while the rest of the people had full freedom to cultivate their human personality. But because the scientific facility of communication to-day has spread its conquest in every realm of the elements, the field of fighting and profit-making has also become boundless in dimension. I preach the freedom of man from the servitude of the fetish of hugeness, the non-human, who defies the big, the gross, and wins victory at the end."



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PLAY AND PLAYERS

SOUTH CHINA SURVIVE BIG ONSLAUGHT.

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SOUTH CHINA 2 PORTUGAL 1
Half a yard faster on the ball than their opponents, South China were able to monopolise play to a large extent in the first half of their game yesterday with a team formed from the combined Hong-kong and Shanghai Portuguese, and though good goalkeeping prevented them from turning to full account the many openings forced, goals by Suen Kam-shun and Leung Wing-tat were scored before the interval.

With change of ends the game underwent a most remarkable and radical change, South China being forced to adopt the defensive. The Portuguese half-backs were more successful in their tackling and they plied the forwards with good passes, which might have been turned to advantage but for fine work by Chan So and Lai Yuk-tat. Corner after corner was forced but Portugal's only success came about midway through when Rocha recovered the ball apparently passed over, and centred for Fuentes to breast through.

It was a matter for curiosity that Chan Kwong-ai, who with Suen Kam-shun took such a large share in the subjugation of Portugal in the first half, rarely received the ball under favourable circumstances in the second and the Chinese attack suffered considerably thereby. Neither C. Remedios, nor H. Favacho could do anything with the Chinese left wing in the first half. Chan's centres were wonderfully accurate, and Suen was shooting in something akin to his old style.

Many time he put in wonderful shots from long range which were saved by Allinson only at the expense of corners. It was close to the interval when South China scored first. Suen received from Chan Kwong-ai, and ran close, in defeating two men on route scored easily with a low shot to the right hand corner of the net. Just before the half-time whistle blew Suen slipped the ball to Leung Wing-tat in such a way that the centre-forward had the easiest of scoring chances. He made no mistake and the Chinese led 2-0 at the interval.

The second half was much like the first with the exception that the Portuguese were exerting the pressure. Long swinging passes kept the Chinese backs on tenterhooks and there were exciting scrambles in the South China goalmouth.

The Chinese defence had a gruelling task but came through with credit. Lam Yuk-ying was in splendid form and his tussles with Favacho, supposed to be the Portuguese outside-right but who was frequently to be seen wandering about the middle, were most interesting in spite of the monotonous regularity with which Lam Yuk-ying defeated his man. Lo Wal-man and Choi Ping-fan were able halves, and more especially in the opening half, Chan So and his partner allowed little to go by.

Allinson was not so dependable as Lau Hing-cheung. One had the impression that many of the shots which he diverted for corners could have been held. Favacho and Ogley defended well and the half-back line C. and A. Remedios and C. Favacho played up splendidly after the interval, though the wing halves were much at sea previously.

The forwards were not so well together as those of South China. Marcel could do little against Lam Yuk-ying and his place in the second half was taken by Ogley. Fuentes worked hard throughout, though he was inclined to be selfish.

TO-MORROW'S GAME.

The team to represent Portugal to-morrow has been selected as follows:—Allinson; H. Favacho, Xavier; Colloco, A. Remedios, C. Remedios; Fuentes, R. Favacho, Marcel, Rocha and Gutierrez.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon v. Surrey in the Shield Final on Saturday, 10th instant, on Hong-kong Club Ground:—Avery; Wheeler and Guest or Read; Turner, Caville and McKelvie; Duncan, Spary, Sims, G. Duncan and Hayea. Reserves:—Sibley and Millard.

LOCAL CRICKET.

VOLUNTEER TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Mr. A. A. Ram-jahn's XI at 11 a.m. at the University ground on Sunday 11th April:—E. J. E. Mitchell (capt.), H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fincher, S. Jex, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage and G. R. Vallack. Bus will leave the H. K. C. C. pavilion at 10.45 a.m., sharp.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Club "A" against the Royal Artillery at King's Park, Kowloon, on Friday, at 5.15 p.m.:—B. S. Stephenson, White, L.M.S. Lloyd, J. C. Thomson, W. Hunter, V. Ramsay, T. P. Sanderson (Capt.), G. Rankin, W. H. Newman, H. C. Macnamara, and Nicholls.

FOOTBALL RESULT.

London, April 7th.
In the first division of the English League, Bolton Wanderers defeated Sunderland by three goals to two.—*Reuter.*

LAWN TENNIS.

FINCHER BROTHERS IN SPLENDID MATCH.

More Tournament Games.

The tennis tournament was continued on the Club ground yesterday, and the numerous spectators were treated to a splendid match in the open doubles. Here, the Fincher brothers were opposed to Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau, and a thoroughly interesting game resulted.

Detailed results were as follows: Handicap Doubles: T. J. Price and E. R. Price had a walk over in their match with A. Buys and V. Rose. L. Forster and R. E. Tettenham had a walk over against L. P. Ralph and S. M. Garrard.

Open Doubles:—E. C. and E. Fincher beat Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Handicap Singles:—D. J. Valentine beat J. A. Summers, 6-2, 6-2. L. Forster beat Major Willson, 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B":—E. J. E. Mitchell beat G. van Egmond, 11-9, 8-6.

Open Singles:—H. D. Rumjahn beat R. M. Henderson, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Club Championship Singles:—G. W. Sewell beat E. Grimble, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

GOLF.

EASTER COMPETITIONS AT FANLING.

The competitions at Fanling over the Easter holidays passed off successfully, though the weather on the whole was not conducive to the best golf.

The special medal round was won by A. B. Raworth, with a score of 84—11=73, the second prize going to A. Leach, who returned a card of 88—11=77. Other scores were: F. J. de Rome, 86—8=78 and W. L. Plaw 91—13=78. There were 33 entries.

There were 31 competitors in the Captain's Cup competition. A. B. Raworth qualifying with a score of 85—11=74.

The running bogey pool prize was divided between A. H. Ferguson (4) and G. B. Layton (14), who both finished 2 up. Other scores were:—L. R. Andrews (3), 1 down, (twice), and W. L. Plaw (13) and A. Leach (11) 2 down. There were 74 entries.

Ten pairs entered in the mixed bogey foursomes, Miss Dyer and Commander Thackeray being the winners with a score of four down.

The Shanghai foursomes were cancelled.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

ARRIVAL AT NAPLES.

Naples, April 7.
The Australian Test cricketers have arrived here.—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR RECORDED.

Mr. P. T. Farrell (the President) conducted the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club held last night. He was supported by Mr. B. Wylie (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. Lapsley (Hon. Treas.), and members of the Committee, and there was a large attendance of members.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman said: Gentlemen, the report and balance sheet having been in your hands for some time now, with your permission, I will take them as read. Considering the troublous times we went through during the second half of the year, I am sure you will agree that our financial status is extremely satisfactory, not only have we turned a deficit of \$458.36 into a credit balance of \$915.99, but we have paid out of current account more than \$2,000.00 on repairs and renewals as well as more than \$100 architects fee connected with the new Club house. This is largely due to the untiring energies of your Committee, and I make especial mention of your Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wylie and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lapsley.

Membership.—You will see by the report that 42 new members joined during the year, which shows that there is no falling off in the popularity of the Club. During the year we lost through death no less than five of our most respected members.

Tennis.—The usual competitions have taken place and some very interesting matches were seen. Bar.—Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. C. Bond for the very able way in which he assisted the Bar Committee to re-organise its working, but thanks are also due to Mr. Whibley in connection with this work.

Club House and Grounds.—In connection with extension to the present Club house, verandahs, etc., this was carried out under the supervision of Mr. David Keith, and I am quite sure you will agree that the best thanks of the members are due to him for carrying out a work which has so largely increased the capacity of the Club and the comfort of the Members. As you will see the grounds are in excellent condition due to the energies of two of our absent members, Messrs. Duncan and Atkinson.

New Pavilion.—After the passing of the report and accounts I will ask the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wylie and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lapsley to give some details with regard to the progress of the work and the financial position.

With these few remarks, gentlemen, I have much pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts for 1925 be adopted. After this has been seconded, I shall be very pleased to answer any questions which members may like to ask. Mr. J. S. Mackintosh seconded and the resolution was unanimously carried.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Hazell, the usual honorarium of \$200 was voted to the Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wylie intimating that he did not propose to accept it.

Selection of Officers. The Chairman submitted the name of Mr. J. S. Mackintosh as President for the ensuing year, remarking that he was an old member of the Club, a very keen bowler and one whom he was sure would carry out the duties of the office to their entire satisfaction. Seconded by Mr. D. Harvey, the proposition was unanimously carried.

Mr. Mackintosh expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon him, promised to do his best to further the interests of the Club and expressed the hope that they would have another successful year.

For the position of Vice-President, the name of Mr. C. Bond was proposed by Mr. H. Nish, seconded by Mr. R. G. Dixon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bond replying, humbly remarked that the offices of President and Vice-President in China were no sinecure, and he only hoped that if there were any assassinations, they would not forget that there were families to support. (Laughter).

There were three nominations for Hon. Secretary, and on a ballot Mr. W. M. Johnston was declared elected.

Mr. R. Lapsley was unanimously confirmed in office as Hon. Treasurer on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. J. Fraser.

The following were elected, by ballot, to serve on the General and Ballotting Committees:

General Committee: Messrs. W. Russell, D. Gow, L. Guy, D. Hazell, G. Duncan, A. R. Whibley and H. Nish.

Ballotting Committee: Messrs. J. Fraser, C. Hatt, S. Gray, J. B. Hamilton, J. O. MacLaggan and the Rev. J. H. Johnston.

A recommendation by the General Committee that Mr. David Harvey be appointed a life member was formally proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Allison and supported by Mr. Lapsley, the latter remarking that very few members were aware that Mr. Harvey only missed being one of the founders of the Club by a very few months, that he had served for many years on the Committee and had done a lot of useful work for the Club.

The resolution was carried with unanimity and acclamation, and Mr. Harvey replying expressed his high appreciation of the honour conferred upon him after twenty-five years membership.

Prizes. The Chairman invited members to donate prizes for competitions for the forthcoming season, and the following intimated their pleasure in doing so: Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. H. Nish, Mr. D. Harvey, Messrs. Gande Price and Co., Capt. Branch, Mr. L. Guy, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. W. Russell, Mr. W. MacFarlane, Mr. A. R. Whibley (Kentish Cup), Messrs. Russell and Nish (Galloway Cup), Messrs. C. Bond, R. Nicholls and C. Hatt (Canning Town Cup), Mr. D. Hazell (Dundee Cup), Mr. J. S. Mackintosh (Clydeside Cup), Messrs. D. Harvey and J. Jack, Mr. J. Fraser (Tyne-side Cup), (all bowls) and Messrs. W. A. Russell, J. Linaker and C. Ewens (tennis).

The New Pavilion. Mr. Wylie introduced the question of the new pavilion, mentioning that just a week after they held their extraordinary meeting the strike and subsequently the boycott broke out, which to a great extent eclipsed all talk of the new pavilion. The General Committee did not lose grip of the question, and throughout the first weeks of the strike continued to keep in touch with their architects. Finally plans were drawn and after the customary delay—not an unusual delay—on the part of the Building Authority they were approved.

Then there was the question of sanitary arrangements, which had to go before the Sanitary Board, and in due season the plans were passed by them.

They reached the stage when they could start building somewhere about last October or November, and the question arose as to how they were to finance the project. By that time money had become tight because of the strike and boycott, and the General Committee, before definitely embarking on the scheme, decided to make sure that the money would be forthcoming. As a result circulars were sent to members asking them to subscribe for debentures, and he was glad to say that, despite bad times, the response was most satisfactory.

The situation at the moment was that they had a certain amount of money in hand for debentures which had not yet been issued, but upon which six per cent interest would be paid from the time it was received by the Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Wylie pointed out that in a Club of the size of theirs, it was not quite so easy as it was some 25 years ago, for the reason that they had to offer something in the nature of security to debenture holders, and they had been strongly advised to form the Club into a limited liability company, in which every member of the Club would be, in a sense, a shareholder. Mr. Wylie added that tenders for the new pavilion had been in the hands of the Building Sub-Committee for some time, and confidently hoped that it would be possible to start work shortly, possibly next month.

Limited Liability Co. In conclusion, Mr. Wylie moved that for the purpose of issuing debentures and for its better governance, the Club be formed into a limited liability company, mentioning that other clubs in the Colony had taken this step, among them the Kowloon Golf Club, the Hongkong Cricket Club, the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and he had been told the Lusitano Club.

Mr. D. Gow, in seconding, expressed the view that it would be in the best interests of the Club to form it into a limited liability company.

Mr. Lapsley informed the meeting that the money actually received so far was \$7,550, representing 151 debentures, and there were promises of 76 more debentures, equivalent to \$3,800, making a total of \$11,350 or 227 debentures subscribed for. The total number of debentures it was hoped to issue was 400.

Mr. Wylie mentioned that debentures had been taken up by only 28 members out of over 200 on the books. He appealed to all to take an interest in the scheme, remarking that it was a very good investment and that they would be encouraging sport in general in Kowloon.

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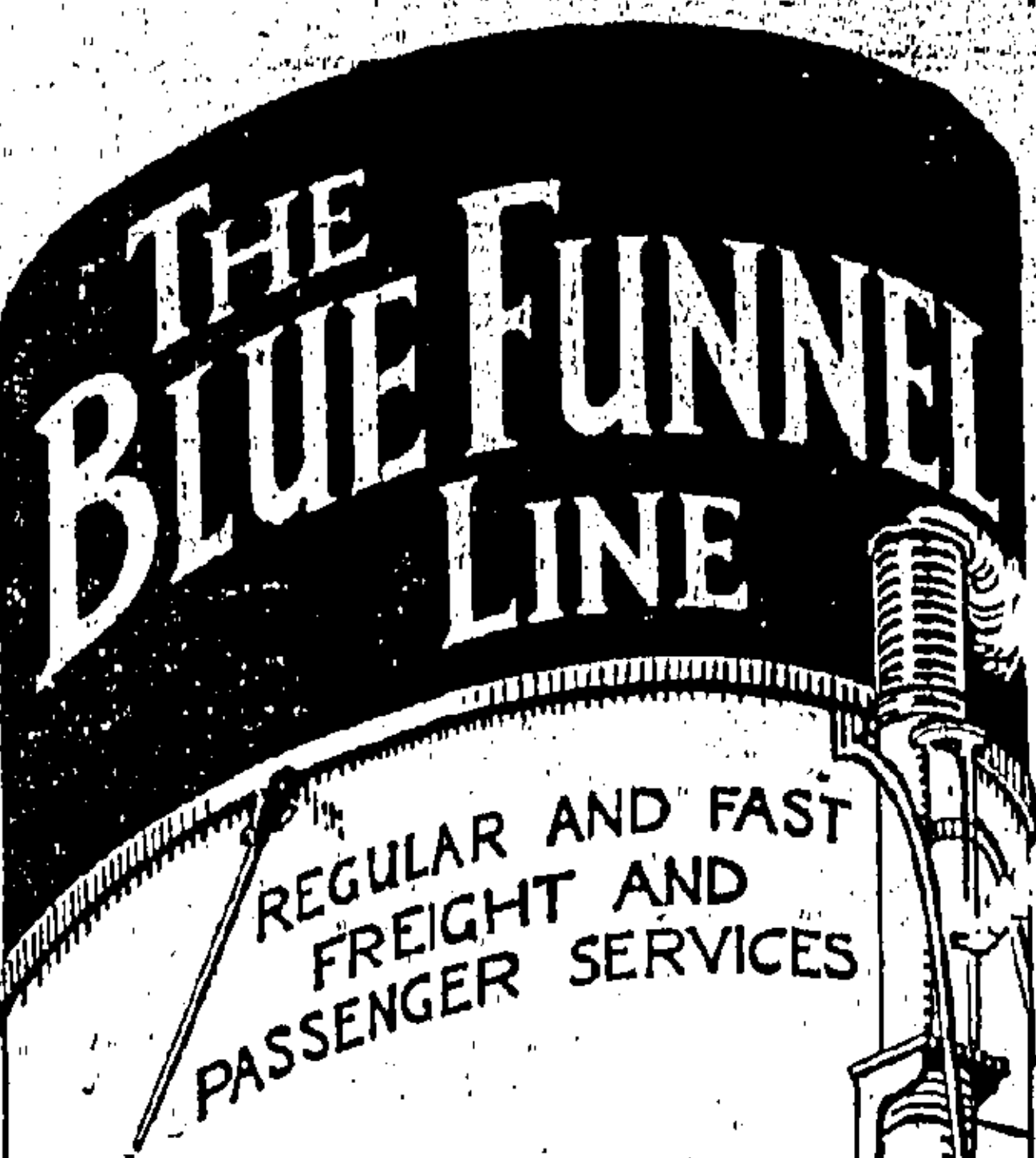
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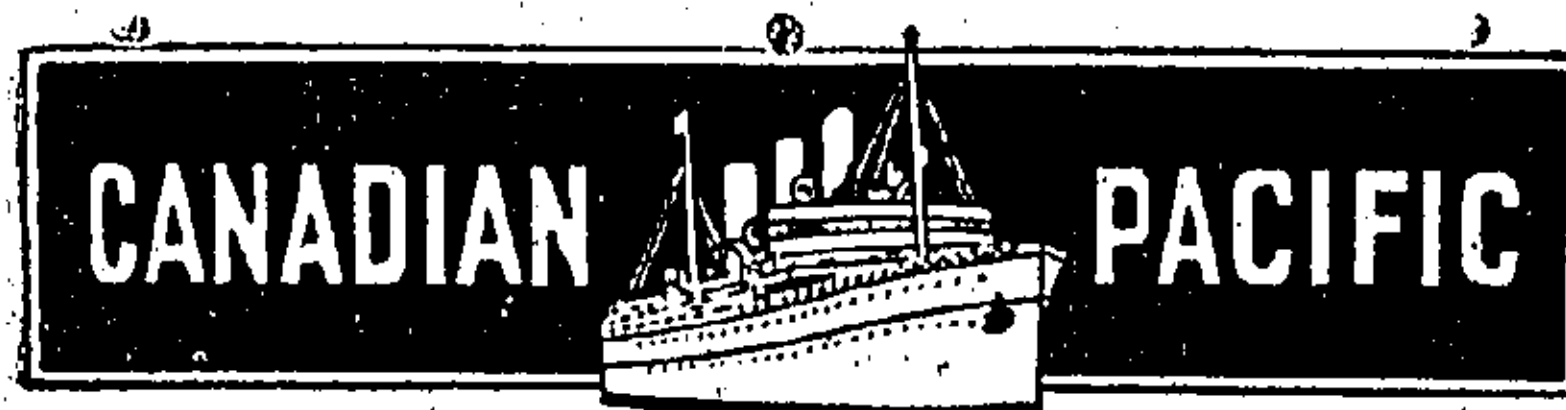
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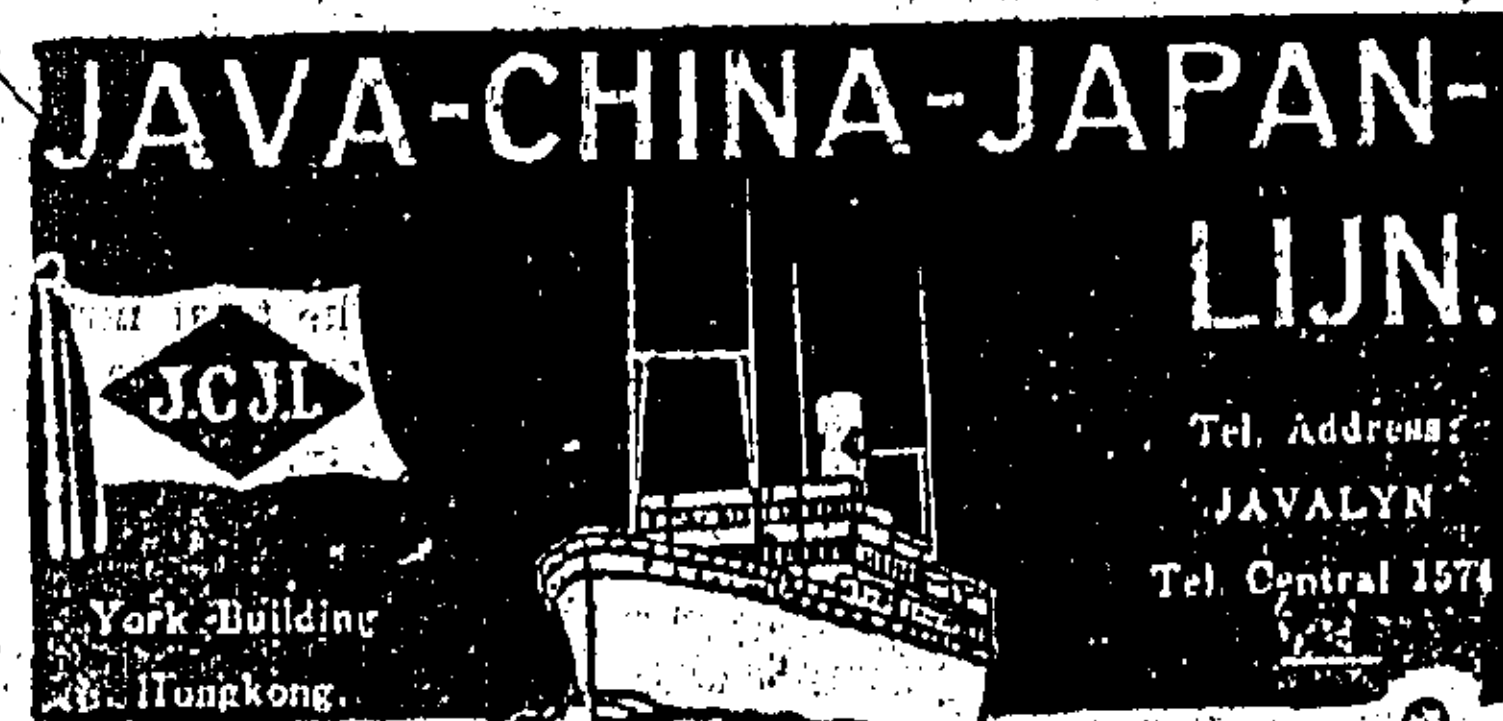
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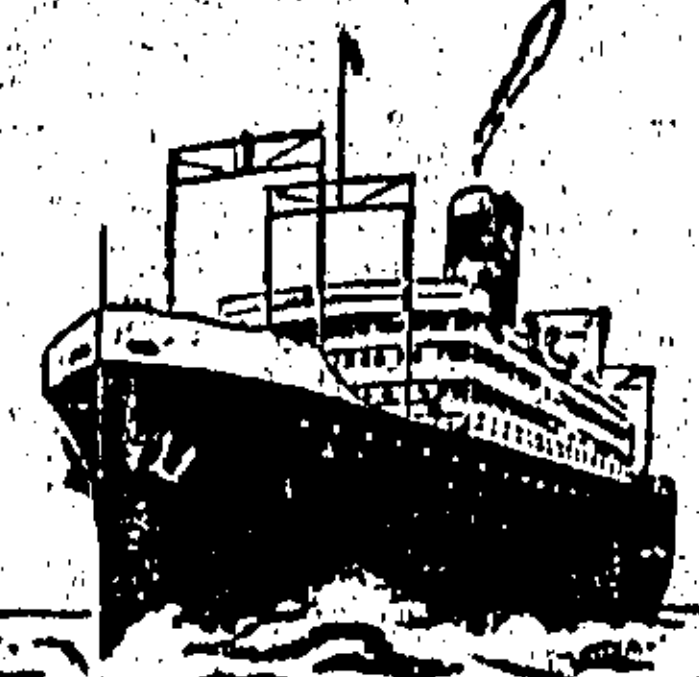
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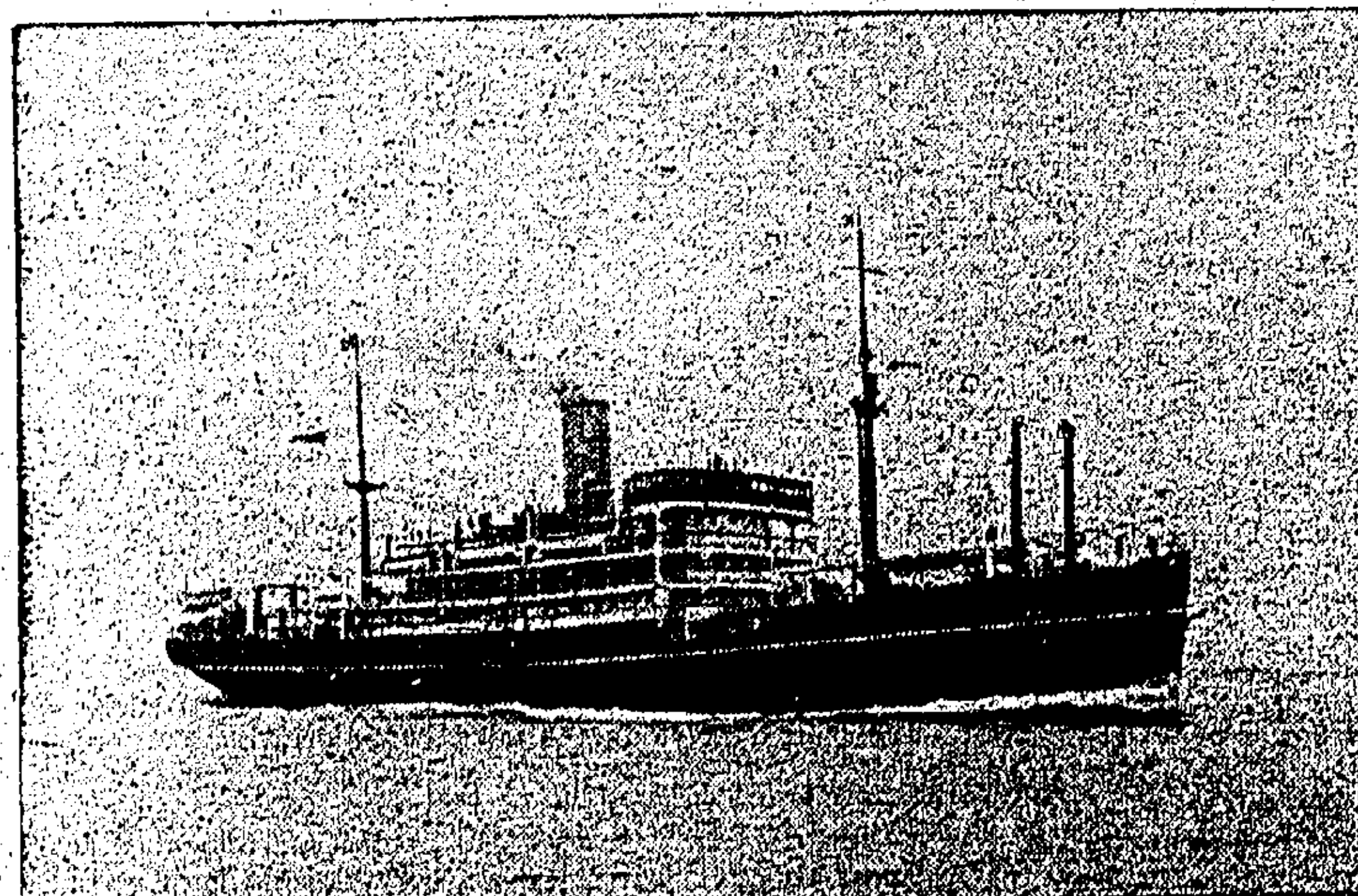
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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 19th April 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,

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Hongkong 6th. April, 1926.

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(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA)

From EUROPE & STRAITS.

The Steamship

"HARUNA MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th April, 1926, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 6th. April, 1926.

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(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship

"YEIFUKU MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 11th April 1926, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From United Kingdom and
Straits.

Consignees are hereby notified
that owing to a fire in the After
Hold a General Average has been
declared. It is therefore neces-
sary for the Average Agreement
to be signed and a Deposit of 15%
paid before Bills of Lading can be
countered.

Goods damaged by Fire or
Water will be surveyed by
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on
1st April at 10 a.m.

The Steamship "GLEN-
SHANE" having arrived from
the above ports, Consignees of
cargo by her are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Company,
Limited, whence, and/or from
the wharves, delivery may be
obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 5th
April 1926 at Noon will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the
Godowns where they will be ex-
amined in the presence of Con-
signees by Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas on 1st April 1926 at 10
a.m. Claims against the steamer
including those for cargo short-
delivered must be presented on the
special form provided, and
must also be submitted with in
30 days of arrival otherwise they
will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by us in any case
whatsoever.

Bill of Lading will be coun-
tersigned by

JARDINE,
MATHESON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1926.

CHINA PROVIDENT.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Tong Hok-ting, Mr. Tayler as-
sured Mr. Shawan that the security
was far more than ample for the
loan. In fact, he stated, it was
worth something like \$1,000,000.

Subsequent to the dismissal of
Mr. Tayler, investigation was made
and it was discovered that although
the title deeds had been deposited,
no mortgage had been put through.
The title deeds were sent to the
Company's solicitors, who advised
that they were not in order, inas-
much as Probate Duty had not
been paid in respect of the prop-
erty the subject thereof and we
at once communicated with Tong
Hok-ting. We have been quite
recently (and not two months ago)
advised that it is doubtful whether
Tong Hok-ting had any right to
pledge the securities in question.

LOANS ON SHARES.

With regard to the loans made
to Messrs. Lammert Bros., the
amount outstanding on the 31st
December, 1924, including principal
and interest at 9%, was
\$387,658.23, against which we held
securities valued at that date, ac-
cording to Mr. Hardman's report,
of \$466,604.50, which is a margin
of over 20%, which was subse-
quently reduced to between 14 and
15% by the return of certain
securities against a cash payment
made by Messrs. Lammert Bros. Two
further loans were made to Messrs.
Lammert Bros. bearing interest at
10% viz: \$21,000 on the 26th May,
1925, and \$36,000 on the 4th June,
1925, against which we hold
securities valued at that date at
\$60,000.

As regards the loans to Messrs.
Shewan Tomes & Co., we believe
that we shall be able to satisfy
the committee that they were
amply secured at the time they
were made, and will be fully re-
paid.

As regards both the loans to
Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., and
Messrs. Lammert Bros., these
loans would still be amply secured
but for last year's unprecedented
financial crisis.

With regard to the Company's
practice in making loans gener-
ally, it is well-known throughout
this Colony, that the Company has
for many years past advanced
money against shares and for the
purpose of successfully competing
with Chinese banks and others
who were conducting a money
lending business, advances had
frequently to be made on attrac-
tive terms. Interest on loans is
treated in the same way as it has
always been treated, viz: by
charging compound interest with
periodical rests and the share-
holders have had the benefit of
the system in the past. The late
Manager certified to what debts
were considered good, and when
these were passed by the auditors,
the General Managers felt satis-
fied with the position. The Com-
pany have always advanced money
on promissory notes to private per-
sons to a moderate extent.

GENERAL.

Shareholders will appreciate
that the excellent godown busi-
ness referred to by Mr. Weall is
representative of the work of your
General Managers in the past, like-
wise the acquisition of the valu-
able properties at West Point, and
the General Managers agree with
the Consulting Committee that,
given ordinary and usual com-
mercial conditions, there is no reason
why there should not be a speedy
recovery of the Company's finan-
cial position.

In conclusion, gentlemen, you
will fully appreciate the extraor-
dinary difficult period through
which the Company has recently
had to pass—a period altogether
without precedent in the Colony's
annals, and one by which not only
this Company but every other
commercial concern in this Colony
has been seriously affected. Your
General Managers have no doubt
whatever that a return to normal
commercial conditions will bring
with it a speedy recovery of the
finances of the Company, and I
have no hesitation in attributing
the present financial position of
the Company to the recent finan-
cial crisis and resultant com-
mercial conditions.

The Chairman then proposed
resolution (a).

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. L. Dunbar, seconding, said:
—I have listened to Mr. Weall's
speech with interest. I have looked
through the statement of the Con-
sulting Committee's auditors and I
do not think that he has exagger-
ated the loss which the Company has
suffered. It will be the duty of



Signor Benito Mussolini, on
whose life an attempt has been
made in Rome by an eccentric
titled English lady.

the shareholders represented to
place the blame for these losses
where it belongs and to make what
ever recovery is possible. I think
Mr. Weall's suggestion that you
appoint three of your number to
represent you in the further in-
vestigation and reorganisation of the
business is a sound one. The
China Provident can still be made
a very prosperous concern if pro-
perly handled. I second the
resolution.

SITTING IN JUDGMENT.

Mr. C. A. da Roza said:—Mr.
Chairman and gentlemen,—Like
Mr. Dunbar and every person at
this meeting, I am sure, I have
listened with great interest to the
speech made by Mr. Weall and
also to Mr. Shawan's speech as to
the charge made against the
General Managers, but I confess
I would have liked to have heard
a little more. This business of
locking the stable door after the
disappearance of a horse is very
commendable for we have, fortun-
ately, other valuable horses in the
stable, but I see from the speeches
of Mr. Weall that we are asked
to set up a body to sit in judgment
only on one person. That I
regret to say is impossible, inas-
much as the Consulting Com-
mittee as a body is as much to
blame as the General Managers
for this disastrous state of affairs.
If what has been said is true, and
I must assume such to be the case
in view of the responsible position
of the parties, the Consulting
Committee must take its full
share of the blame. I think the
fact has been lost sight of that
persons acting as Directors as-
sume a position involving duties
which cannot be shirked by leav-
ing everything to others; and I
need hardly say that in law there
is no difference between a Direc-
tor and a person on a Consulting
Committee. The Consulting Com-
mittee therefore, must accept its
full share of blame for its
omission to the same degree as
the General Managers are to be
blamed for their sins of commis-
sion.

I, for one, and there must be
many in this room who think with
me, will not be a party to any act
tending to confuse the issue—
neither to any act which may be
construed later that we as
shareholders exonerate the Con-
sulting Committee.

It is inconceivable to me how
with any control at all this sad
state of affairs could have arisen,
and it would be of interest to the
shareholders to know the degree
of control and attention which
the members of the Consulting
Committee have given to the Com-
pany since their election at the
last annual meeting. How many
times have they met, and how
often have they considered the
Company's position? Irregulari-
ties of a more recent date might
have been avoided by an effective
control so the result of discovery
of the earlier irregularities.

Holding these views, Mr. Chair-
man and gentlemen, I regret I can-
not support resolution (b) in the
form submitted, and I shall at the
proper time submit an amendment
enlarging the Committee to six
shareholders in order to balance
the vote of the Consulting Com-
mittee, which, I believe, now con-
sists of five members and I shall
also have to propose another
amendment in connection with
resolution (c).

If I am in order, Mr. Chair-
man, I would like to ask whether
any of these alleged irregularities
took place before 31st Decem-
ber, 1924. I notice the accounts
for that year were certified with-

out any reservation, but Mr.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

FIVE IN ONE STREET.

A number of motor accidents
occurred at Queen's Road East
yesterday. In one of these Mr.
H. F. Burges' car, which he was
driving at the time, knocked down
a Chinese who was taken to the
Government Civil Hospital with
head injuries.

A push bicycle, ridden by a
Japanese, swerved in front of Mr.
R. E. Atwell's car and in the col-
lision which followed, the car was
damaged to the extent of \$50.

A small boy was injured
through being knocked down by
another car in the same street.
He was only slightly injured and
was not taken to hospital.

In emerging from the garage at
Taiyuen Street, another car
knocked down a child, 8 years of
age, who was slightly injured.

Robert Yung has reported to
the police that in an accident at
Queen's Road East, a small boy
was knocked down by his motor-
cycle but was not seriously in-
jured.

out any reservation, but Mr.
Weall has just told us that deb-
tors for storage are in many cases
very old accounts.

The Chairman:—This meeting
is called for a specific purpose.
You will have the privilege of
putting any questions you like at
the end of the meeting.

The resolution was then put to
the meeting and was unanimously
carried.

THE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Weall proposed the second
resolution, which was seconded
by Mr. W. J. Carroll.

Mr. C. A. da Roza:—I would
like to propose an amendment
that six shareholders, to be no-
minated at this present meeting,
be appointed to act with the Con-
sulting Committee as a committee
of investigation. The amend-
ment is really to substitute six
for three with the addition, after
the words Consulting Committee,
"as a committee of investigation."

Mr. J. M. Alves seconded.
On being put to the meeting,
the amendment was unanimously
carried.

The Chairman proposed the
third resolution, which was
seconded by Mr. Weall.

Mr. W. J. Hawker:—I beg to
propose an amendment, to read in-
stead of the Consulting Commit-
tee, "that such committee of in-
vestigation be authorised to em-
ploy auditors, lawyers, architects
and any other experts and ad-
visers in connection with such fur-
ther investigations."

Mr. N. V. Croucher seconded,
and the amendment was carried
with unanimity.

Mr. Croucher:—May I ask a
question, Sir? Is Mr. Tong Hok-
ting still in the Colony?

The Chairman:—I do not know.
I believe he is in Macao.

Mr. Croucher:—Why wasn't he
detained when we knew his securi-
ties were not in order?

The Chairman:—A writ was is-
sued. I do not know anything
more than that.

The appointment of share-
holders to act on the investigation
committee was then proceeded
with.

Mr. J. M. Alves proposed the
names of Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. A. L.
Alves and Mr. Wong Tso-on. Mr.
Carroll proposed Mr. C. A. da
Roza; Mr. Wong Tso-on proposed
Mr. N. V. Croucher; and Mr. A. L.
Alves proposed Mr. J. M. Alves.

Mr. T. G. Weall seconded the
resolutions, all of which were ap-
proved.

The meeting then concluded.
The shareholders present includ-
ed: Messrs. J. F. Wright, Junr., N.
G. Beale, A. Zimmerman, Chun Lim-
foo, P. M. N. da Silva, J. M. Alves,
P. Tester, Poon Lai-fung, V. Sorby,
S. S. Perry, J. Fleming, T. Wong,
D. J. Lewis, C. Bernard Brown, A.
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Roza, J. T. Bagram, Chan Yut-
soo, Pui-shao, W. J. Hawker, D. H.
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Stanton, G. Duclos, L. Dunbar, A.
P. Samy, W. Morley, Mon Kwok-
ming, Ip Fook, D. W. Munton, Li
Tse-fong, Uoi Tak-cheung, I. W.
Shewan, Tso Tsan-tsai, B. C. Ra-
dall, H. Humphreys, W. Allen, A.
W. Thornhill, Choa Po-min, E.
Sadick, Chan Lin-fu, C. Raymond,
M. V. Croucher, D. Templeton, C.
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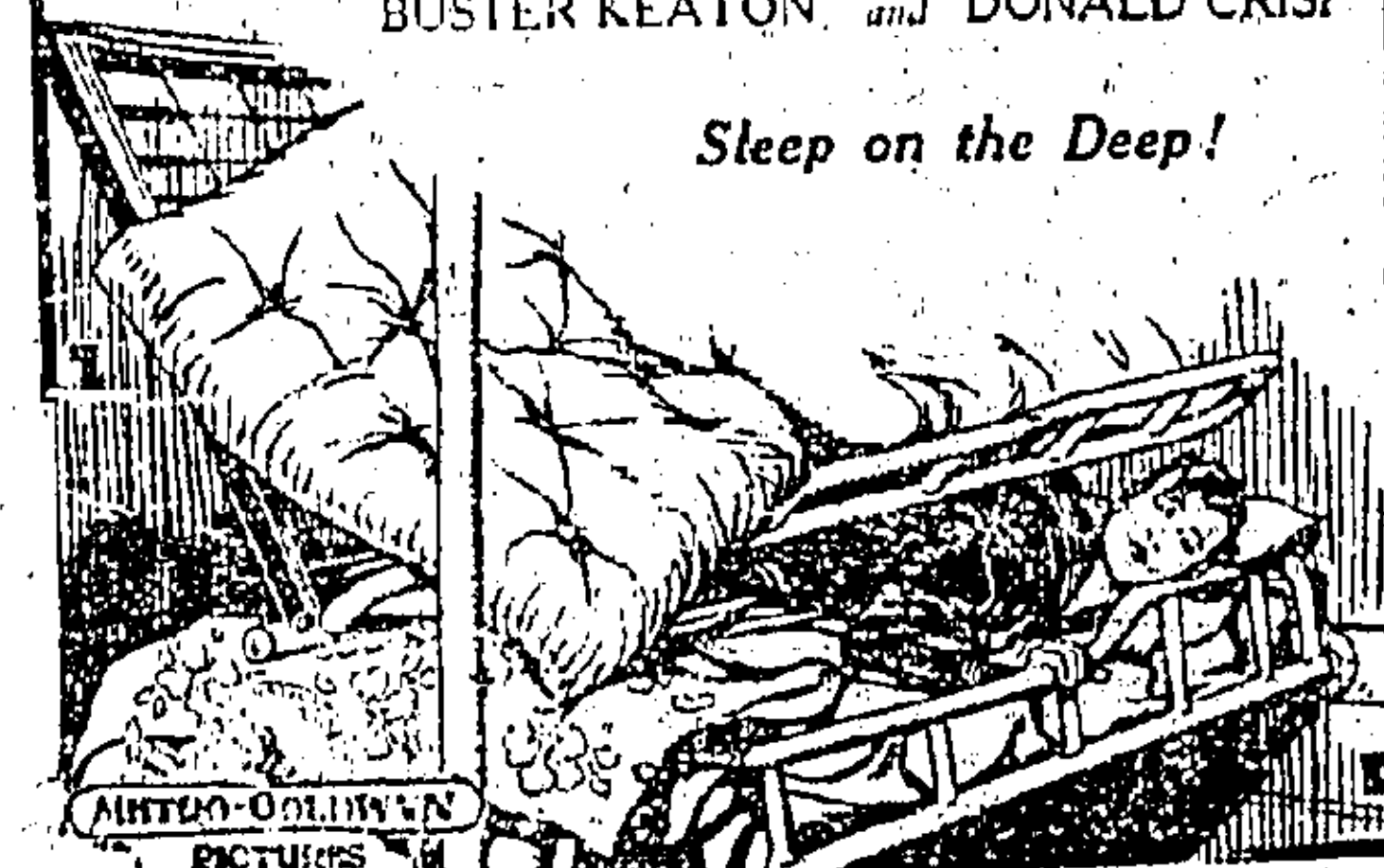
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MENTS.

Tsingtao, April 7.
Pi Shou-chen returned here
from Tientsin to-day.
A Tientsin message says that
owing to some development in
Shantung, the nature of which
cannot be ascertained, there
has been a large movement of
Shantung troops from this vicin-
ity to Tschow and Tsinanfu. As
a consequence, the front line
against Peking has been with-
drawn from Huangtsun to Wan-
chuang.—*Reuter.*

WOUNDED STUDENTS.

TO BE COMPENSATED.

Peking, April 8.
The Cabinet has resolved to
compensate the non-Com-
munist students who were
wounded during the disturbances
on March 18th and also the
families of those killed.—*Reuter.*

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LONDONERS LISTEN TO
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Rugby, April 7.
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itted last night by the British
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teresting little surprise. Dance
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